



Chickasaw Hall of Fame nominations now being accepted

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2010 class of the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame.

Nominations must be received at the Chickasaw Nation Headquarters by the end of the business day, March 12, 2010.

Nominations of living or deceased individuals will be accepted for consideration.

Nominees must have distinguished themselves in their business, profession, craft, or vocation, thereby bringing honor to the Chickasaw Nation, and/or have made outstanding contributions to the Chickasaw Nation or society in general.

Inductees must be a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation or be eligible to become a citizen of the Nation.

Elected officials of the Chickasaw Nation are not eligible for induction into the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame while holding office.

Inductees must commit to being present for the banquet and induction ceremonies.

Current employees are not eligible for nomination. Elected officials are ineligible for induction while holding office.

A nomination form is available on the Chickasaw Nation website.

Visit www.chickasaw.net and select the Hall of Fame section under "History & Culture."

For more information contact Dr. Amanda Cobb-Greetham at (580) 436-7265.

Young composers' work recorded

Arts Academy students combine for unique sound

While Johnathan Bomboy spent several years in the school band and has a natural talent for music – he plays 11 instruments, including guitar – he couldn't read music. But that changed during the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy as Jerod Tate was explaining time signatures and music notation.

"I just suddenly had this eureka moment," Johnathan said. "I just stood up in the classroom when he was teach-

ing that and said 'I get it!' I don't know what it was, but that light bulb just clicked and it was a fairly bright light bulb."

Since that time, he has composed several works for string quartet, two of which were recorded during a recent history-making project Jan. 22-24 at Oklahoma City University.

Johnathan is one of 11 Arts Academy student composers who acted as co-producers as

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2010's first baby



The first baby of 2010 to be born at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility is Tyce Ray Harrison. Tyce was born Jan. 3 at 10:08 a.m. He weighed 7 pounds, 5.6 ounces and measured 19.6 inches long at birth. Parents are Lacie Harjo and Jesse Harrison. The family is from Seminole, Okla. Picutred are Lacie Harjo and Tyce Ray Harrison.



The Chickasaw Nation-produced movie "Pearl" won "Best in Fest" and "Best Native American Film" at the Trail Dance Film Festival. Photograph by Marcy Gray and Mike McKee.

'Pearl' Wins 'Best in Fest' at Trail Dance Festival

DUNCAN, Okla. – "Pearl," the first feature film produced by the Chickasaw Nation, won the award for best overall film Jan. 24 at the Trail Dance Film Festival in Duncan. The true story of a Chickasaw girl from Marlow, Oklahoma, who became

the youngest licensed pilot in the U.S. in 1928, also won the award for "Best Native American Film."

"Pearl" is set during the tumultuous teen years of the late Pearl Carter Scott, a Chickasaw

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girl who was befriended by famous aviator Wiley Post in the late 1920s. The film sold out the 700-plus seat theater in the Simmons Center, a first for the Duncan film festival.

Anthony Foreman is president of Trail Dance Film Festival.

"I think the film really hit home, especially with Pearl being from Marlow, Oklahoma, which is only about a 15-minute drive from Duncan," said Foreman. "The community took hold of the film because of everyone being so close to it."

A sustained spontaneous ovation broke out as the credits began to roll at the close of the film Saturday night.

Gov. Bill Anoatubby said the positive response showed what a profound impact Mrs. Scott had on the people of her community.

"We are very pleased to receive this kind of reception from the people who knew Pearl best," said Gov. Anoatubby. "This helps confirm that we have captured some of the resolve and intensity of this dynamic, caring woman who exemplified so many of the finest qualities of Chickasaw people."

While many in the audience knew about the local hero, others were unaware of the story.

"A lot of people were very excited because they didn't know someone of

such stature had come from a place so close," said Foreman. "I think it opened a lot of people's eyes. Those who didn't know Pearl, I think wish they did know Pearl and wish they knew more about her now."

Response from audiences in Duncan was similar to the reception the film has received across the U.S.

In October, 2009 "Pearl" sold out four matinee performances at the Heartland Film Festival, well known as one of the largest family-oriented film festivals in the world.

"Pearl" also won a prestigious "Best of Show" award from the Indie Fest, and swept the feature docudrama category

at the International Cherokee Film Festival.

Producer David Rennke said that the film had a universal message.

"It is very satisfying to see how people relate to the issues in this film," Rennke said. "It is about the importance of family and community and the importance of pursuing your dreams."

"Hopefully people will get an inkling of the spirit that pervades the Chickasaw Nation."

For more information, visit www.chickasaw.net or www.pearlthemovie.net

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Metal Mayhem robotics team kicks off new season

Metal Mayhem celebrated the beginning of a new season with a kick-off workshop Saturday, January 9 at the Wes Watkins Center in Stillwater, Okla.

The Chickasaw Nation Metal Mayhem robotics team and several veteran and rookie teams across Oklahoma participated in the workshop. The teams gathered for an opportunity to compare notes, get ideas, make friends, find mentoring teams and learn about the exciting new competition theme for 2010.

"The team is excited to begin the build season and get ready for competitions in March," said science, technology and math manager Sara Willie. "We have a great team and are looking forward to a successful season."

Each team received a kit of parts containing motors, batteries, a control system and a mix of automation components. The "Breakaway" game theme was revealed and officials explained new rules and regulations for the 2010 season.

"The game-theme 'Breakaway' is similar to the game of soccer," said Willie. "Robots compete by scoring goals and playing defense to keep opposing robots from scoring."

Metal Mayhem is preparing for competitions at the Dallas Regional Tourna-



Pierce Stevens, left, and Nathan Wright receive instruction on building the robotic practice field from mentors Stan Townsend and Jim Lawson. The practice field helps students prepare for tournament play.

ment March 18-20 and the Oklahoma City Regional Tournament March 25-27. Preparation involves building the new robot, formulating new game strategies, participating in community services activities, gathering information for tournament play and submitting entries for various awards such as the prestigious Chairman's Award, the Website Design Award and the Woodie Flowers award.

Metal Mayhem team members include John-Luke Garber, Kelli May, Kagan St. Clair-Shelton, Pierce Stevens, Clay War-

ren and Nathan Wright, of Ada; Michael Stick, of Allen; Joseph Dirrim, Richard Ellingson, Halley Taylor and Zachary Walker, of Byng; Mari Hulbutta, of Edmond; William Bonner, Lorenzo Charqueno, Shane Sellers and Autumn Underwood, of Latta; Micah Gross, of Roff and Bridgette Bell, of Sulphur.

Mentors include Denver Kimberlin, Brian Rumburg, Jimpsey Factor, Michael Gross, Sammi Gross, Arles Oakley, Lashun Oakley and Stacey Oakley. Chickasaw Nation staff members include Sara

Willie, Stan Townsend, Jim Lawson, Margaret Wise-Talamasey and Lynne Chatfield.

Metal Mayhem was formed through a national organization called FIRST, For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology. The mission of FIRST is to inspire young people to be science and technology leaders by engaging them in exciting mentor-based programs. Through the FIRST Robotics program, students gain engineering and technology skills, inspire innovation and develop self-confidence, communication and leadership skills.

FIRST Robotics is known as a varsity sport for the mind. It combines sport with science and technology. With limited resources, time limits and rules and regulations, teams are challenged to raise funds, design a team brand, develop teamwork skills and build and program robots to perform tasks for competition play. Students experience real-world engineering from problem solving to design techniques and technological challenges.

For more information about the Metal Mayhem team, contact the science, technology and math program manager Sara Willie at (580) 421-7711.

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Make your mark on 2010 Census as an Indian citizen

A very important mailing from the U.S. Census Bureau goes out on March 14. Your response to this mailing is of critical importance to the Chickasaw Nation, as well as all tribes and tribal citizens across the country.

The piece you will receive in your mailbox is the 2010 U.S. Census form. The form is easy to complete, and it has tremendous power to help you, your fellow Indian citizens and your country.

Approximately \$3 trillion in federal funding will be allocated based on the results of the 2010 Census. These dollars will be allocated to tribal, local and state governments over the decade following this census. All tribes count on their citizens to follow up, complete the surveys and mail them back. We only have this opportunity once every decade!

For tribal communities, 2010 Census results will impact many essential programs including education, health care, food distribution, employment assistance, housing, community development block grants, Indian



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Child Welfare and more.

As a tribal nation, we have together taken some mighty steps along the road to self-sufficiency. Our tribe has now established its own vibrant and growing businesses that contribute greatly to the programs and services Chickasaw count on every day.

However, funds from the federal government continue to play an important role in our tribal development. These are the funds that are sensitive to the results of the 2010 Census, and they represent an aspect of our overall funding we must protect.

The 2010 Census form you will receive in the mail will require you answer only 10 questions. You will be asked about your home, your phone number and the number of people who live in your home.

Remember, all questions from the U.S. Census Bureau are confidential and are shared with no outside entities.

For each household member, the form will ask for name, sex, date of birth, and relationship to the per-

son who owns or rents the home. It will also ask if anyone in the home sometimes lives elsewhere.

The most important question for us as Chickasaws is question nine, which asks your race. If you are a Chickasaw, whether or not you are enrolled with the tribe, it is important you check the "American Indian or Alaska Native" box. The form then asks you to print the name of your enrolled or principal tribe and you would, of course, enter "Chickasaw."

It is important to our tribe and our citizens that you mark the "American Indian or Alaska Native" box alone, then fill in the tribe's name in the space provided.

It is such a simple, but incredibly important task. It should take you no more than about 10 minutes to complete the form and send it back. No return postage is required, but the U.S. Census Bureau requires the form be returned no later than September 30.

This small task is not only important for you and your family – it is important to your fellow Chickasaws, their families and all our future generations. Your answers on the 2010 Census form have the power to collectively make a huge and positive difference for many, many Indian citizens.

Thank you for your help. And please watch your mailbox in March for your 2010 Census form!

Fluent Chickasaw speakers work to keep language alive - and lively!

Language preservation is a high priority for the Chickasaw Nation.

Dozens of events and programs are hosted each year with the tribe's native language as the main focus. The Chickasaw Language Committee serves as the foundation for these efforts.

Founded in 2002 and consisting of more than 20 fluent speakers, the advisory committee meets each month to speak, standardize and renew the language.

"Everything we do grows out of the knowledge they possess, said Joshua Hinson, director of the Chickasaw Nation Revitalization Program.

"They are an invaluable resource to our department and we are fortunate to be able to go to them with questions concerning the language."

Members of the committee come from across Oklahoma, bringing their own individual knowledge and dialects of Chickasaw with them.

"Chickasaw is a language that can vary within just a few miles or even within different families," Hinson said.

During the meetings, con-

ducted entirely in Chickasaw, members discuss meanings, usages and pronunciations for words. A main goal is to create standards so a more uniform and comprehensive version of Chickasaw can be carried on to new speakers.

Another objective of the committee is to create Chickasaw words for objects and concepts that didn't exist when the language originated. Words such as "computer," "iPod," "Internet," and "video game" are among these new words that have been recently created and introduced.

"With any endangered language, it's not a good sign to have to say 'we don't have a word for that,'" Hinson said.

Pat Cox, secretary of the committee, recalls the process for creating these new words.

"Our people didn't have computers, couldn't even imagine them existing," she said. "So we broke the concept of a computer down into simple terms and created a word for it."

The committee decided on "tali' ithána" or "tali' lopi," which roughly translate into "metal brain."

Even the simple act of the

members meeting and speaking the language is beneficial to the future of Chickasaw.

"It is so important that the speakers come together and stay in touch," Cox said. "If we lose contact, it could be bad for the language."

Hinson agreed that if the native speakers become isolated, preservation efforts would suffer.

"The committee gives them the chance to bring their passion for speaking the language to each other and to pass it down to those learning Chickasaw as a second language."

Committee member JoAnn Ellis works for the Chickasaw Nation as a Language Specialist and has witnessed results of the committee's efforts.

"It's so rewarding to see the students eager to learn and to hear them begin to speak the language," she said.

Members of the committee encourage Chickasaw speakers not involved with the committee to join them.

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Michelle Davis and her daughters Kaylee and Maycee work on cards at a previous Chipota Chikashshanompoli meeting. This month, the club will combine the Chickasaw language with robotics.

Language Club meets Feb. 27

"Robotics" is the theme for the February 2010 meeting of The Chickasaw Nation Chipota Chikashshanompoli (children speaking Chickasaw) language club.

The meeting will take place from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, February 27 at the Science Technology and Math building located at 212 North Broadway in Ada. Club members will visit the Chickasaw Nation's FIRST Robotics team Metal Mayhem to learn about robotics and Chickasaw words pertaining to robotics.

Chipota Chikashshanompoli meetings focus on the importance of using the Chickasaw language in daily life.

One Saturday each month the club meets to learn Chickasaw language and embark on a fun adventure that will incorporate newly introduced Chickasaw words.

Club meetings are open to all children ages three to 12 who are interested in learning the Chickasaw language.

To join the language club or to inquire about upcoming meetings, contact Rachel Wedlow at (580)436-2603 or rachel.wedlow@chickasaw.net.

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their music was recorded by America's premier postclassical string quartet ETHEL.

Results of the project will be featured on the first album release in history featuring works by American Indian student composers. The completed album is set for a summer 2010 release by Thunderbird Records.

"We are extremely pleased to be part of this innovative project," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "Our goal is to inspire these students to pursue their dreams, by giving them a glimpse into a world of possibilities and experiences. The students are remarkable and they should be very proud of what they have accomplished."

Formed in 1998, ETHEL is known for its adventurous and improvisational take on classical music. The quartet has brought several workshops, tours, and performances to hundreds of American Indian students over its 11-year history.

Juilliard-trained performers in the group include Cornelius "Neil" Duffalo, violin; Ralph Farris, viola; Dorothy Lawson, cello; and Mary Rowell, violin.

"It's just fascinating to be playing all this new music written by young people," said Duffalo. "It's such a joy to see the high level of achievement here and the sophistication of music from high school students."

The Chickasaw Nation's Composer in Residence Jerod Impichchaachaaha' Tate led the composition group at the Arts Academy and oversaw the album recording.

Farris said he knew the students would be "awesome" because he knew Tate's work.

"Jerod is a very special guy," said Farris. "He is building these composers' confidence and their technique."

"It's astonishing watching him work, the rapport he has with his students is amazing. We knew the students would be the top of the line."

During the sessions, all 11 students spent hours working with Thunderbird records producer Alan Bise participating in all aspects of the album recording from start to finish.

Dylan Bennett, a student at Norman North (OK) High School, said it was "intimidating" at first to work with such a

renowned group of musicians.

While several of the students expressed similar feelings, Bise said they were more than up to the challenge.

"I am amazed at how confident these student-composers are," said Bise during a break in the recording session. "They are not shy at all about saying what they want. They are very impressive kids, the compositions are great but the way they interact with everybody is really surprising and amazing."

"It's rare we get to work with living composers, anyway. I wasn't sure how the students would react to an environment like this, it's a tough environment. They are working with a very professional group from New York, ETHEL quartet and they are handling it unbelievably well."

Tate echoed the sentiment. "Every single one of them took this wonderful risk and felt very comfortable," said Tate. "All the kids concurred that their experience with Alan Bise was wonderful."

"They felt so supported sitting with Alan in the hot seat that it didn't occur to them to be nervous. Once they sat down and started going it just flowed beautifully."

Daniel Bennett, Dylan's father, said the Arts Academy and the recording project have helped give Dylan direction.

"After Arts Academy camp he started composition and that became his focus," Mr. Bennett said. "Watching it come alive

today was amazing. It's a great tool. What a great opportunity to experience the recording process at such a young age."

Tate said many of the parents were impressed to see a group of professionals treat the students' music so seriously and with so much attention to detail.

"I'm sure the parents went home with a new type of respect for their kids," he said.

ETHEL has performed around the globe and collaborated with artists including Bang on a Can, The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra, the New York Chamber Symphony, CONTINUUM, Sheryl Crow, Roger Daltrey and Yo-Yo Ma's Silk Road Project.

Jerod Impichchaachaaha' Tate has received numerous commissions and his works have been performed by the National Symphony Orchestra, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Philadelphia Classical Symphony, Minnesota Orchestra, Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra and Colorado Ballet.

A 2008 recording of his works performed by the San Francisco Symphony and San Francisco Symphony Chorus, and marks the first time a major American Symphony Orchestra and an American Indian composer have collaborated to record and release orchestral works.

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Amanda Shackleford, left, works with Alan Bise of Thunderbird Records during a recording session of 11 Chickasaw students' compositions by ETHEL, a string quartet based in New York. The recording session was conducted Jan. 22-24, at Oklahoma City University. The CD is expected to be released this year and distributed worldwide.

The Composers

Katie Barrick

Katie Barrick said it was a "surreal experience" to have her music recorded by musical group ETHEL.

"I'm absolutely thrilled," said the 16-year-old fiddle player. "I can't wait to hear musicians of such a high caliber play my piece."

Katie's piece is entitled "Devil's Advocate." She wrote the Celtic-inspired piece at last summer's Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy.



Katie Barrick

Having played the fiddle for most of her life, Katie said the academy enhanced and awakened her love for music.

"It broadened my knowledge of music," she said. "I learned more in those two weeks than I had in the last three or four years."

Chickasaw composer Jerod Tate led the composition group at the Arts Academy.

"I had seen Jerod on the Chickasaw Nation commercials and looked up to him as a Chickasaw artist," she said. "So it was wonderful to actually get to work with him one on one."

Katie is the daughter of Roland and Melissa Barrick, Calera, Okla.

Cruise Berry

Cruise Berry is studying music composition at Oklahoma City University.



Cruise Berry

"I didn't have any idea what to expect," Cruise said. "I walked into the room and there was this intense quiet and a sense of the concentrated effort of everybody coming together and working on this one piece of music."

Cruise began playing piano in eighth grade, including compositions by Bach, Beethoven and other classical composers. He attended the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy in 2007. He said that experience is what piqued his interest in music composition.

"That was my first time to try my hand at bothering to write music down and notate it properly," he said. "Up to that point, I wasn't really considering pursuing a music career, or anything post-high school having to do with music."

In December, 2008 Cruise accepted an \$85,600 scholarship to study music composition at Oklahoma City University.

Johnathan Bomboy



Johnathan Bomboy

Johnathan Bomboy said one of the cool things about composing for a string quartet was the ability to be very creative.

"You can write whatever you want," Johnathan said. "Everyone has it stuck in their head that 'oh, you write for a string quartet, it must be classical music.' Last year I wrote a piece called 'Lucky's Charm.' I wrote that to show that you don't have to stick to your stereotypical classical music sounding genre. You can write anything you like."

While he had worked with the string quartet at the Arts Academy, he was apprehensive about working with the ETHEL group.

"When I first sat down, I was really nervous telling them 'I want this, I want that,' but after a little while you settle into it. They understand you're the composer. You can pretty much tell them every little detail and they nail it. I was really happy with the results...they did an amazing job."

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Dylan Bennett



Dylan Bennett

Dylan Bennett was awestruck when he learned two of his compositions would be recorded by ETHEL.

“It’s a bigger step than I expected to be taking at this point in my life,” he said.

The 17-year-old Norman North High School student has been playing the viola for more than five years and picked up the cello about six months ago.

ETHEL recorded two of his original works “The Seven Seas” and “Holchifo Ki’yo.” “Holchifo Ki’yo” is Chickasaw for “No Name.”

“It’s cool to hear how the instruments are used in Classical Music; the strings convey their own voices,” Dylan said.

Dylan is the son of Daniel and Sherri Bennett and Angelique Colbert and is a junior at Norman North High School, where he is a member of the elite symphony orchestra.

Aubrey Halford



Aubrey Halford

The 13-year-old believes having her compositions recorded by ETHEL is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

She said she was “absolutely ecstatic” to have the opportunity to record this professionally with Alan Bise and ETHEL.

“The quartet did a wonderful job with my piece,” Aubrey said. “It was a great experience to get to work with someone of such prestige.”

Her pieces, entitled “Stages” and “Lullaby” were inspired by her varying taste in music and the peace that comes after hard times in life.

They were composed at last year’s Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy in the music composition course led by Chickasaw composer Jerod Tate.

“Working with Jerod greatly improved my knowledge of music,” she said.

“Composing music is so gratifying for me because you work so hard breaking each tiny part down and try to make it perfect. Then hearing the whole piece played aloud is amazing.”

Aubrey is an eighth grader at Ada Junior High School and is the daughter of Michael Halford.

John McAlester



John McAlester

John McAlester did not know what to expect during the recording of his “String Concerto No. 1” with ETHEL.

“I didn’t really expect anything for this piece and then having it recorded by a professional group exactly how I wanted was quite an experience,” John said.

“It was really cool. It’s not common to get an experience like that as an 18-year-old.”

John, of McAlester, Okla. is a senior at McAlester High School, where he plays the French horn and is a member various school instrumental groups.

He also performs at many church and civic events.

John is the son of Shawnda McAlester.

Amanda Shackleford



Amanda Shackleford

Amanda Shackleford co-produced the recording of her compositions entitled “Yeah...I Hit Like a Girl!” and “The River of Our Times.”

She said the recording of works inspired by her experience in martial arts and a painting by her sister sounded “exactly like it should.”

Amanda’s pieces were written during her time at the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy, where she worked with the Chickasaw Nation’s Composer-in-Residence Jerod Impichchaachaaha’ Tate.

A clarinetist, Amanda faced some challenges while creating music for a string quartet.

“Jerod was very patient and encouraged me to think differently about what I had written so it would better fit the stringed instruments,” she said.

Tate also oversaw the recording process.

“It was a really cool experience,” she said of the project, which took place at Wanda L. Bass School of Music on OCU’s campus.

Kate Duty



Katelyn Duty

Kate Duty had been singing in church and at the McSwain Theatre for many years prior to attending the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy.

She said the Arts Academy “completely changed everything about music for me.”

She said the academy enabled her to write music even though she never thought she would have that ability.

“The Arts Academy gives people the opportunity to express themselves in ways they never thought possible!,” she said.

In 2008, Kate was able to have her compositions played at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. Her music was played by the Ambrosia Quartet as part of “Classical Native,” a series of recitals, chamber concerts, and discussions conducted by the National Museum of the American Indian.

Ryan May



Ryan May

Ryan May, of Bethany, Okla., feels very lucky his composition “Solo” was selected to be recorded by ETHEL.

He credits the Chickasaw Nation and Jerod Tate for giving him the opportunity to learn the art of composing music.

“It’s an honor and privilege and it happened because the Chickasaw Nation supports the youth in Arts,” Ryan said. “I had always wanted to learn to compose, and I couldn’t have done it without Jerod Tate.

“(Classical music) speaks to me a lot more than most of the mainstream stuff. It’s my favorite kind of music. I have always liked it.”

Ryan is a senior at Classen School of Advanced Studies, Oklahoma City, where he is a guitar major.

His parents are Deena Lemons and Randy May.

Courtney Parchcorn



Courtney Parchcorn

Known for her native bead work, Chickasaw artist Courtney Parchcorn first tried composing music on her own a few years ago.

While attending the Chickasaw Nation Summer Arts Academy, she finished her first composition and since then has created two more entitled “Innocence” and “Enough.”

When she learned “Innocence” and “Enough” would be recorded by ETHEL, she was thrilled.

Following her recording session, Courtney said, “ETHEL really met my expectations. The songs turned out the way I pictured it.”

She is the daughter of Buddy and Fran Parchcorn, of Ada.

Stasen Whitehead



Stasen Whitehead

Stasen Whitehead is a Cherokee student from Atoka, Okla., who attended the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy.

Thunderbird Records producer Alan Bise and Whitehead co-produced ETHEL’s performance of his composition “Sigur.”

“It was incredible...definitely an experience of a lifetime,” Stasen said. “I really enjoyed getting to work with the guys and being able to express what I do in that kind of environment.”

Haitian crisis makes us reflect on our blessings

Here's hoping your new year has been off to a good start! Personally, I am always glad when the new year rolls in. It provides a fresh start and optimism about the possibilities of what can be accomplished in the coming months. I have a lot of goals this year as your legislator and, in hearing from you, a lot of ideas and areas of improvement to focus on in service to you. Thank you for your input.

My heart has been heavy for the people of Haiti and I know I am not alone in this feeling. I visited this region in the late 1980's and was shocked then by the poverty and problems of infrastructure, inadequate government, facilities and resources. Thirty years later, even before the earthquake, it appears not much was accomplished in the way of improvement. That seems to have been thwarted by a combination of foreign rule, home-grown dictators, and corruption. Improvement didn't stand a chance.

And now, in the wake of disaster and enormous loss of life, surely one of the poorest nations in the Western Hemisphere is today even poorer. To say the least.

Whether Haiti can and will be able to survive and overcome the disaster is just the first step. Worldwide relief efforts are aid-

ed by the laboring of many compassionate peoples, organizations and governments. I hope for the best for the people of Haiti. I wish that there were more that I could do.

It is times like these I am so enormously thankful for our American government and its compassion. And also very thankful to be a part of our Chickasaw government. For we are the government. Unlike the Haitian government, the Chickasaw Nation provides opportunities and encouragement to help our citizens help themselves. Then we, in turn, are in a position to help others. To find out more about opportunities and events happening within the Chickasaw Nation, visit www.Chickasaw.net and consult your 2010 Programs and Services directory. Contact me if I can help you in any way.

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Making exercise a priority is a good move

By now most of us are in the swing of 2010. New Year's resolutions are starting to fade and old habits are once again front and center! I want to encourage each of you to either continue on in doing exercise or begin a program ASAP. Our health is not to be taken for granted. I have made several personal discoveries. 1. It is easier to gain weight than to lose it! 2. True exercise is a personal choice. 3. There is self satisfaction in being able to take control in this area of your life. Last but not least, after about 2 weeks of exercise you will begin to feel better physically and mentally. The Tribe has been active in trying to encourage its members to be health conscious. We offer dietary education seminars, diabetic camps, and incentive based exercise programs. Contact me and let me know what forms of exercise you are involved with! Always check with your doctor before starting an exercise regime.

The time has come for the big move! The new Legislative and Judicial Offices are complete. These facilities are located just north of the current headquarters in Ada, Oklahoma. The Legislative Building contains more floor space and is equipped with individual offices for each Legislator. This will allow for personal workspace.

The February Legislative Session marks the beginning of a new location for our monthly meetings. Pictures will be forthcoming. Make your plans now to come and visit with me in our new location!

Let all that you do be done in love. I Corinthians 16: 14

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A focus on quality is our healthcare guiding light

Hello Everyone, I trust each of you is having a happy and healthy new year. Healthcare and healthcare reform continue to be major topics in the press. Throughout the United States hospitals have voiced their concerns over decreased reimbursement and increased cost of doing business.

Even though the Chickasaw Nation is blessed with a strong infrastructure and exceptional professional leadership, the healthcare system is not exempt from these cutbacks. Providing quality healthcare to the citizens of the Nation is a priority and physician recruitment plays a major role in doing that.

Carl Albert Indian Health Center has added to its staff a full-time psychiatrist with over 3 years practice experience. Todd Pogue, DO is originally from the Ada area and started seeing patients on January 11, 2010. Dr. Erica Sun will remain on staff on a part-time basis providing additional support in Ada and telepsychiatry to the satellite clinics.

Beginning January 18, 2010 the Ardmore Clinic adds to its staff physician assistant Marc Kagan. Marc has been working in the state of New Mexico and brings 10 years of experience to the Ardmore area where he has family ties.

Jesse Howell, DDS has accepted a part-time position providing dental services to the Chickasaw citizens in the Saturday dental clinic. Dr. Howell is a member of the Choctaw Nation and currently works full time with the Cherokee Nation. He will start January 30, 2010.

Patient visits for the month of December 2009 were down slightly from the same time last year. Harsh weather, provider sick leave and the holidays helped to contribute to the lower numbers. Internal Medicine visits were 378, Emergency Department visits were 833, Pediatric visits were 788, Same Day Clinic visits were 2,435 and family practice visits including the satellite clinics were 3,066. OB/GYN visits were 57, general surgery visits were 422 and actual surgeries were 265.

Construction on the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center is still on going with the new facility opening some time this summer.

Thanks to each of you and I look forward to serving you in the New Year.

Connie Barker

Tribal Legislator, Pickens District

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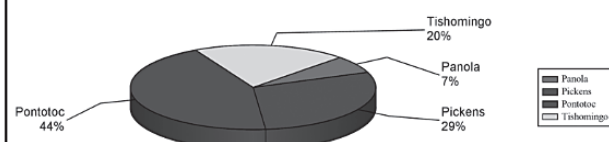


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Count of Voters by District

Panola	1,707	Pontotoc	11,079
Pickens	7,193	Tishomingo	<u>5,015</u>
			24,994



Citizens At-Large Help Number

For information on services or help with questions, call toll-free 1-866-466-1481.

Our court advocates are in place to assist you

Hello Everyone,
The devastation we are viewing in reports from Haiti give all of us a reason to be enormously grateful for who and where in the world we are. And as Chickasaws we should always be thankful. We have traveled far progressively and we aren't through yet!

In last month's *Chickasaw Times* the Judicial Branch had a notice concerning the availability of Court Advocates to our citizens. Arrangements can be made to confer in the Ardmore, Purcell, or Ada regional offices with these attorneys who are donating their time and knowledge to help at no cost to the citizen on areas of legal concern to the citizen.

This is but one of the very progressive avenues opened by the Judicial system and they are certainly to be commended.

Another noteworthy program implemented by the Judicial Branch is the Peacemakers Group. This group of about a dozen people (at the present time, although it is popular and growing) are carefully trained to do just as their name suggests: try to restore an attitude of peace rather than going into legal action. They do a very commendable service and I am so proud of all they accomplish.

I seem to be waving the flag for our Judicial friends but they certainly deserve any praise coming their way. Quite a few

years ago I served on the committee that wrote our criminal code. A very lengthy undertaking, we worked one night a week for two years to write the code. We worked with the assistance of an attorney versed in Indian Law and we studied the codes of several other tribes.

After our completion of the Code it took another two years to get final approval of the Code from Washington (The Department of Interior). In our efforts we took into consideration both traditional law of the Tribe and laws currently in effect. The Peacemakers are, I think, part of the combination of both. Anyway, that process is very effective.

Judicial has been moving into its new Court Building the past two weeks and the Legislature will begin moving into our building this next week. A big job for both branches of our government but an enormous need met and no one is complaining about the chore. We are thankful and happy!

Obviously Judicial is on my mind but just the other day Chief Justice Barbara Smith gave an in-depth report to the Legislature. It was very enlightening and interesting and we certainly wish them well in their new Court building.

Also, I wish each of you well as you move on into the new year before us. May God speed you along the way and look after you! Take care!

Linda Briggs



**LINDA
BRIGGS**

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Remember to utilize Elder Energy Assistance

Hello Everyone,
As this letter is being written, it is mid-January and 60 degrees in Oklahoma. A severe thunderstorm warning has been issued today for the southeastern part of our state while a tornado watch was issued for southcentral Oklahoma. Just last week, we experienced record low temperatures, and now it looks and feels like spring. But, if you've lived here very long, you know that we are likely to get at least one more really cold spell before spring actually arrives.

So, it is very important that elders and elder caregivers remember the Elder Energy Assistance Program. Energy costs are currently very high. One elder reported propane costing \$2.05 per gallon and the propane company not delivering less than 100 gallons at a time. Remember, you can get contact information on this program from my letter in last month's *Chickasaw Times* or from your 2010 Program and Services Directory or your Services @ Large Directory if you live outside the boundaries of the Chickasaw Nation.

Next, I want to respond to some inquiries about the recent Cobell v. Salazar settlement. While the "settlement" is an important step forward in US/Tribal Government relations, there exist unrealistic expectations among tribal members.

First and foremost, there will not be checks coming in the mail any time soon. When checks are finally sent out by the US Government, only those Native Americans or heirs of Native Americans who possess or possessed Individual Indian Money accounts will receive money.

According to a high level source who has asked to remain anonymous because he is unauthorized to publicly comment on the matter, the settlement has not yet been finalized. While the settlement will most likely stand, today it is a "proposed" settlement subject to change, in need of much detail, and in need of a plan for execution.

One of the outstanding issues is that it has not been determined how far back in time the settlement will reach. When the timeframe is determined, the lineage and heirs will have to be identified and located before money can be dispersed. Again, only those Native Americans or the heirs of those Native Americans possessing an IIM account will receive compensation. Also, after the monumental task of determining who gets money and how much, it has to be decided how to get the money to the recipients. These are just a couple of the many questions that have to be answered in order to deal with the settlement. As you can see, there is much work yet to be done to get money and benefits in the hands of recipients.

According to the source, the settlement money will be allocated to and divided among three areas. Some of the money will go to holders or the heirs of holders of IIM accounts. A significant portion will go to pay the legal fees incurred to achieve the settlement, and some of the money will go to scholarship funds for Native Americans.

I think we need to be realistic and recognize the Cobell v. Salazar settlement for what it is. It is a recognition by the federal government that Indian monies were mismanaged, and it is a gesture to right a wrong. However, not every Indian is going to receive money from this settlement.

So, I caution all of us to have realistic expectation regarding the settlement. You can find out more information about the settlement of the web at www.cobellsettlement.com or by call 1-800-962-6109.

Until we visit again, I wish the best for you and your family.

Respectfully,
Katie



**KATIE
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'Job Club' program aids our high school students

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Committee Chair of the Education Committee! Well, the holidays are over and our youth are back at school. We had a white Christmas this year, the first in several years. It was beautiful!

The Vocational Rehabilitation Department has developed a new Job Club strategy which was implemented in January. Job Club focuses on helping Indians with disabilities to gain the soft skills they need to successfully enter the workforce. Soft skills include resume writing, application processes and paperwork, interviewing skills, how to get along with supervisors and co-workers, proper hygiene, attendance expectations such as getting to work on time and staying the entire shift, etc.

Voc Rehab has also implemented a new transition strategy for the program. The strategy markets the services of the Department to high school Indian students with disabilities within the program service area so that the Department can work with those students to help them transition from high school to post secondary education and training or to the workforce. This program is much needed within the Chickasaw Nation and we have high hopes for success!

The Division of Education Services at Large Department reports that 224 students are participating in the Chickasaw Nation Reading Program. The Early Childhood program has 256 children enrolled for 2009/10 school year.

The Adult Learning Program tested 136 participants. Of those, 28 tested below 6th grade level, 19 tested at 6th through 8th grade level, and 89 tested at Fast Track Level (9th grade plus). Four students received their GED certificates.

I would love to hear from you. Please contact me through my email address mary.green@chickasaw.net or through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site. Until next time, I wish God's blessings on all of our people.

Thank you.

Thank you.

Court Advocate services now available for tribal citizens

Court Advocate Services are now available in Ardmore, Ada, and Purcell to assist Native Americans with their legal problems.

To make an appointment call 1-800-479-1459.

This is a service provided by the tribal court system.



**MARY JO
GREEN**

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Sipping, snacking and tooth decay

It's National Children's Dental Health Month; cut down the sugar!

Many parents across the country will speak a common phrase at dinnertime tonight: "You'd better eat that. It's good for you!"

There's another old favorite in the parental arsenal of dietary warnings: "Don't eat that. It'll rot your teeth!"

Now more than ever, kids are faced with a confusing range of food choices, from fresh produce to sugar-loaded processed, convenience meals and snack foods. What children eat and when they eat it may affect not only their general health but also their oral health.

Americans are consuming foods and drinks high in sugar and starches more often and in larger portions than ever before. It's clear that junk foods and drinks have gradually replaced nutritious beverages and

foods for many people. For example, the average teenage boy in the U.S. consumes 81 gallons of soft drinks each year.

Alarming, a steady diet of sugary foods and drinks can ruin teeth, especially among those who snack throughout the day. Common activities may contribute to the tendency toward tooth decay. These include grazing habitually on foods with minimal nutritional

value, and frequently sipping on sugary drinks.

When sugar is consumed over and over again in large, often hidden amounts, the harmful effect on teeth can be dramatic. Sugar on teeth provides food for bacteria, which produce acid. The acid can eat away the enamel on teeth. Soft drinks also contain acid. Each "plaque attack" can last up

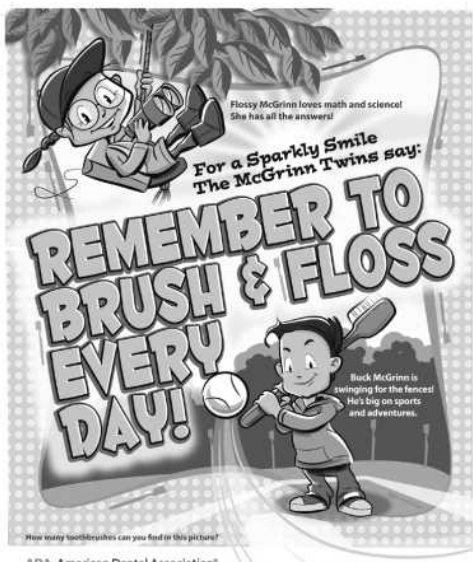
to 20 minutes after a meal or snack has been finished.

Even a little nibble or sip can create plaque acids. These acids attack the tooth enamel and may lead to cavities. Therefore, it's best to limit snacking and drinking soft drinks between meals.

Almost all foods have some type of sugar that cannot and should not be eliminated from

our diets. Many of these foods contain important nutrients and add enjoyment to eating.

However, there is a risk for tooth decay from a diet high in sugars and starches. Starches can be found in everything from bread to pretzels to salad dressing, so read labels and plan carefully for a balanced, nutritious diet for you and your family.



Practical steps to help your child with dental health

To help your children protect their teeth and gums and greatly reduce their risk of getting cavities, teach them to follow these simple steps:

Brush twice a day with an ADA-accepted fluoride toothpaste to remove plaque, the sticky film on teeth that's the main cause of tooth decay.

Floss daily to remove plaque from between your teeth and under the gumline, before it can harden into tartar. Once

tartar has formed, it can only be removed by a professional cleaning.

Eat a well-balanced diet that limits starchy or sugary foods, which produce plaque acids that cause tooth decay. When you do eat these foods, try to eat them with your meal instead of as a snack-the extra saliva produced during a meal helps rinse food from the mouth.

Use dental products that con-

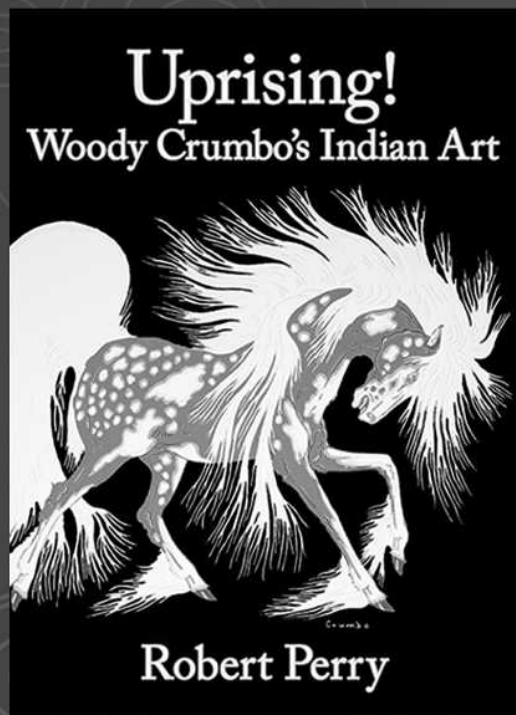
tain fluoride, including toothpaste.

Make sure that your children's drinking water is fluoridated. If your water supply; municipal, well or bottled does not contain fluoride, your dentist or pediatrician may prescribe daily fluoride supplements.

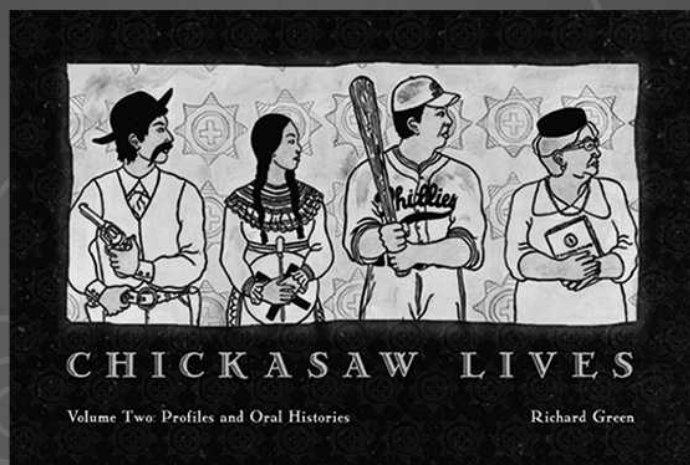
Take your child to the dentist for regular checkups.

Source: The American Dental Association

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Chickasaw historian, researcher battling back from auto crash

BY RICHARD GREEN | CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Few of us can recall what we were doing on any particular date, unless it was associated with something either very, very good or very, very bad.

And so it is with Kerry Armstrong, who slammed into the latter group this past October 27. Kerry is a long-time Chickasaw family historian, researcher, and originator and keeper of the Website, www.chickasawhistory.com. As he recounted in an e-mail to Marlene Clark, one of the many people he has assisted with Chickasaw genealogy, he and his wife were returning from Arizona to their home in Fort Worth, Texas, when a traffic tie-up on I-40 in Amarillo obliged them to stop.

As they waited for the traffic to move, they were—without warning—“violently rear-ended” and propelled into the vehicle in front of them. After emerging from several seconds of shock, Kerry realized his head and neck were hurting. His anxiety was compounded by the fact that his wife, Sandy, had sustained a serious and painful foot injury and

because she is diabetic, he knew that injuries could involve potentially dangerous complications.

He continued to assess the situation, thinking like the lawyer he had been before his retirement from the district attorney’s office in Fort Worth. Their car was badly damaged and not drivable. He felt in his shirt pocket for his phone. Gone. The glasses he had been wearing? Gone. He reached forward and pressed the OnStar® button. (This is an in-vehicle safety and security system that provides a connection to emergency assistance.) As he spoke with the dispatcher, he says it was like he was participating in one of the emergency service company’s commercials he had seen on TV.

By the time the ambulance arrived, the hematoma on his wife’s foot was as big as a hen’s egg. Kerry was afraid to move, a decision validated by the EMTs, who had a difficult time extracting him from the car since the passenger’s seat he was in had been broken by the collision.

During their evening’s stay in a local hospital, they learned that they had no broken bones, were stable, and would be discharged soon. Their son and daughter arrived and drove them on the uncomfortable ride back to Fort Worth.

At the end of December, Sandy still couldn’t wear a shoe on her injured foot and sometimes needed help walking. Kerry’s prognosis was more complicated. Even before the accident, he had bulging disks in his lower back and for almost two years has been suffering from neuropathy, a painful and incurable condition of the nerves in his legs and feet.

The accident made things worse. He is now a man in motion—standing, sitting, reclining—forever searching for a relatively comfortable position. With pain medication, he tries to strike a balance between masking the pain and becoming sedated and perhaps dependent upon the painkillers.

After more imaging and tests, Kerry will learn his surgeon’s opinion on the

risks and benefits of surgery intended to relieve the pressure on nerves encased inside the vertebral column of his spine. Even if the recommendation is to have the surgery, Kerry realizes that neurosurgeons don’t issue guarantees.

All this is prelude to the fact that while his valuable Website is still available to us, Kerry will not be. At least not until he regains the energy and reserves needed to continue the avocation that he has been practicing since the 1990s. As an optimist, he calls it a hiatus rather than retirement.

Getting Started

In 1994, only about 1,300 Web pages were on the Internet. Within a year, the number had jumped appreciably, and Kerry was one of the earliest researchers to begin doing family history research on the Internet. In an article in a 1997 issue of *The Journal of Chickasaw History*, he wrote that he had “high hopes” of accessing university computers stocked with Chickasaw reference materials

SEE **KERRY ARMSTRONG**, PAGE 22

National economy remains slow; tribal results solid

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe’s general fund and the tribe’s BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, *Chickasaw Times* and

Governor’s and Lt. Governor’s offices. Expenditure for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe’s division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants

The businesses’ expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending December 31, 2009

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled \$8.7 million for the month and \$29.8 million year-to-date. Expenditures were \$6.6 million for the month and \$20.7 million year-to-date. There has been a total, beginning in fiscal year 2004, of \$120.0 million transferred from the businesses that were reserved for capital projects.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes for December totaled \$69.9 million and \$211.1 million year-to-date. Net income before the

transfers to the Tribal Government was \$19.0 million for the month and \$61.2 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was \$15.3 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Revenues and Expenditures For the Three Months Ended December 31, 2009

Revenues			
Transfers from businesses to tribal government			
Total funds available			
Expenditures			
General government			
Legislature			
Judiciary			
Education			
Heritage Preservation			
Health			
Youth and Family Services			
Nutrition Programs			
Regulatory			
Assistance Programs			
Transfer to Loan Program			
Gaming expense			
Other businesses' expense			
Total expenditures			
Increase in net assets			
Beginning net assets			
Ending net assets			

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Net Assets December 31, 2009

Cash and Investments			
Receivables			
Inventory			
Prepaid expenses			
Other Assets			
Fixed assets			
Less payables			
Net Assets			

growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At December 31, 2009, the tribal government funds had \$138 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, \$17.1 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had \$127 mil-

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
\$	817,066	211,147,248	211,964,314
	29,018,975	(29,018,975)	(0)
	29,836,041	182,128,273	211,964,314
	2,766,497		2,766,497
	661,695		661,695
	239,460		239,460
	2,544,418		2,544,418
	2,119,916		2,119,916
	3,355,848		3,355,848
	2,936,607		2,936,607
	1,157,972		1,157,972
	1,759,620		1,759,620
	3,195,510		3,195,510
	-	122,992,534	122,992,534
		43,769,722	43,769,722
	20,737,540	166,762,256	187,499,795
	9,098,501	15,366,017	24,464,518
	372,643,962	495,790,033	868,433,995
\$	381,742,463	511,156,050	892,898,513

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
\$	138,498,666	127,429,956	265,928,622
	1,645,840	15,276,255	16,922,095
		5,448,036	5,448,036
		12,686,374	12,686,374
		24,421,760	24,421,760
	242,646,190	495,758,787	738,404,977
	(1,048,233)	(169,865,117)	(170,913,350)
\$	381,742,463	511,156,050	892,898,513

lion in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

As of December 31, 2009, tribal operations, excluding federal program funding, had net assets of \$892 million compared to \$872 million at September 30, 2009 or an increase of \$20 million.

Chickasaw Nation presents Employee Service Awards



Gov. Anoatubby and Lt. Gov. Keel with Betty Crisp, left, and Geneva Cole. Mrs. Crisp and Mrs. Cole have each completed 30 years of service to the Chickasaw Nation.



Gov. Anoatubby and Lt. Gov. Keel with, from left, Billy Gold, Thomas Smith and Susan Alexander, who have completed 25 years of service to the Chickasaw Nation.

Photographs by Mike McKee and Marcy Gray.



20 years of service: Sheilla Brashier, Kevin Worcester, Jeannie Barbour, Roxanna Newsom, Leta Burwell, Johnna Walker, Kathy Pettitt, William Shephard, Billy Jack, Marian Yochum, Patricia Greenwood, Glenna Ballard, Robert Allison, Deanna Carpitche, Ron Frazier, Tommy Brown and William England.

ADA, Okla. - Chickasaw Nation employees were honored for their service to the tribe during a ceremony conducted at the McSwain Theatre Tuesday, Jan. 12.

"The fact that we have so many employees who have dedicated a decade or more of service says a great deal about these individuals and their commitment to serving others," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "We are pleased to honor each one for their years of dedication and hard work."

Special Assistant to the Governor Kennedy Brown was recognized for 35 years of distinguished service to the Chickasaw Nation.

Also honored during the event were those who have served the Chickasaw Nation for 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 years.

Geneva Cole, Debra Stephens, Dana Glase and Betty Crisp were honored for 30 years of service. They each received a plaque and a ring adorned with the seal of the Chickasaw Nation.

For 25 years of service, employees received a Pendleton blanket with their name and years of service embroidered. They were Deanna Kendall,

Doretta Sellers, Ensie Drumgo, Nyokia Ware, Susan Alexander, Billy Gold and Thomas Smith.

Those who have dedicated 20 years to the Nation received a gold watch. They were Sheilla Brashier, Kevin Worcester, Jeannie Barbour, Roxanna Newsom, Leta Burwell, Johnna Walker, Kathy Pettitt, William Shephard, Billy Jack, Marian Yochum, Patricia Greenwood, Glenna Ballard, Robert Allison, Deanna Carpitche, Ron Frazier, Tommy Brown and William England.

Dedicating 15 years of employment to the Chickasaw Nation, and receiving a clock engraved with their name and years of service were Lisa John, Betty Baptiste, Heather Mathews, Stacy Wesberry, Marvia Johnson, Jennifer Pierce, Betty Hamilton, Evelyn Parchorn, Bryan Rich, Sharon Scott, Sharon Yargee, Kim Jones, Donald James, Debbie Jewett, Britt Johnson, Diana Holland, Glenda Huffman, Joyce Bear, Mary Biggs, Mitchell Buck, Debra Choate, Carol Dilbeck, Donna Gipson, Patricia Griffin, Melanie Huggins, Marilyn Lehman, Charlene Nix, Tony Poe, Maybell Sellers, Willie Spann, Mary Taylor, Andrew Wade, Larry Wood,

Roy Worcester, Elaine Fennell, David Huff,

Michael Allman, Patricia King, Rhonda Harjo, Gidgett Durham, Linda Wells, Sonya Isley, Billy Taylor, Regina Bulard and Janelle Folk.

Employees honored for 10 years of service received a lapel pin with diamond and the Chickasaw Nation seal in gold. They were Gloria Battice, Christy Dean, Lisa Wallace, Regina Berna, Leah Gilliam, Sherie Miller, Traci Farmer, Neva Bond, Stacie Briley, Caroline Holt, Randy Wade, Scotty Wingo, Laura Stewart, April Harjo, Tammy Blevins-Purser, Eula Frazier, Jennifer Hayes, Verlone Jackson, Trena Mason, Michelle Wilson, Cynthia Key, Michael Warren, Shannon Campbell, Doris Reed, Janice Richardson, Kelley Lunsford, Tony Choate, Billie Watson, Matthew Morgan, Rick Miller, Kathy Nail, Nome Healey, Marty Viefhaus, Akliah Dunn, Phoebe Williams, Heather Summers, Tammy Smith, Douglas Busha, Leslie Caldwell, Marsha Church, Terie Adams, Joanna Hawkins, Shondra McCage, Kristina McManus, Becky Pemberton, Kyra Epperly, Tawana Braden, Rhonda Hood, Shannon Wagon, Sabrina

Vaughn, Humberto Quintero, Sheryl Goodson, Lovina Harris, Doris Hoffman, Jimmy Tignor, Clayburn Williamson, Laura Payne, Bonnie Baker, Barbara Wingo, Yvette Ryan, Terry Sharp, Tonya Chapman, Frances Perry, Brandon Prince, Terry Yeargan, Terry Olivo, Richard Lewis, Chester Sneed, Marvin

Walker, Garry Harrison, Rodger Whittington, Aaron Cook, Dana McCurry, Angella Wilhite, Amanda Chaffin, Karen Goodnight, Adon George, Shanna Ginnis, Jean Satterwhite, Phyllis Miller, Tina Odell and Ricky Gray.

CONTRIBUTED BY Carrie Buckley, tribal media relations.

Tom Sellers receives Leadership Award



Pharmacy manager Tom Sellers with Gov. Bill Anoatubby and Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel. Mr. Sellers was presented with the Leadership Award last month for his work at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility's Outpatient Pharmacy Refill Center.

Chickasaw Nation pharmacy manager Tom Sellers was recognized during the annual Employee Service Awards ceremony.

Mr. Sellers received the Leadership Award for his dedication and commitment to serving pharmacy customers and fellow employees.

"It is important that we honor Tom for setting the standard in customer service and leadership," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "He is a shining example among many Chickasaw Nation employees who exceed expectations on a daily basis."

Mr. Sellers supervises one of

the busiest pharmacies in the state, the Carl Albert Indian Health Facility's Outpatient Pharmacy Refill center.

He has a reputation for going above and beyond to make sure the process of filling prescriptions goes smoothly and that the customers receive the best service possible.

"Tom has a great attitude and is not afraid to tackle the tough situations on a daily basis," said Chris Anoatubby, Chief of Pharmacy. "Everyone looks to him when they need a question answered and he is often able to create win/win situations for everybody."

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15 years of service: Lisa John, Betty Baptiste, Heather Mathews, Stacy Wesberry, Marvia Johnson, Jennifer Pierce, Betty Hamilton, Evelyn Parchcorn, Bryan Rich, Sharon Scott, Sharon Yargee, Kim Jones, Donald James, Debbie Jewett, Britt Johnson, Diana Holland, Glenda Huffman, Joyce Bear, Mary Biggs, Mitchell Buck, Debra Choate, Carol Dilbeck, Donna Gipson, Patricia Griffin, Melanie Huggins, Marilyn Lehman, Charlene Nix, Tony Poe, Maybell Sellers, Willie Spann, Mary Taylor, Andrew Wade, Larry Wood, Roy Worcester, Elaine Fennell, David Huff, Michael Allman, Patricia King, Rhonda Harjo, Gidgett Durham, Linda Wells, Sonya Isley, Billy Taylor, Regina Bullard and Janelle Folk.



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The Programs and Services/Services at-Large Directories explain some of the opportunities available to you and your family.

The directory offers:

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Program descriptions

Important phone numbers and contact information

Office locations and hours of operation

Program Requirements

Detailed index with keywords

The directory is simple to use. Below are a few tips to help you navigate through the directory and find exactly what you are looking for.

Using your 2010 Programs and Services Directory:

Locate the index of the book (pages 8-15)

Pick a topic. For this illustration, our topic will be health services, particularly eyeglasses.

Locate the letter "E" in the index for eyeglasses

Note the page number indicated for the eyeglasses program, and turn to that page in the directory (page 91)

A brief description of the program, important contact information, eligibility guidelines and other locations that offer eyeglass program services are listed at the bottom of page 91.

To reserve your copy of the 2010 directory, please call (866) 466-1481. The directory can also be reserved online by visiting <http://www.chickasaw.net/servicedirectory>.

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Join students March 27 to celebrate Youth Art Month

ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities will host its annual Youth Art Month celebration 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, March

Nation Division of Arts and Humanities hosts a carnival-like event showcasing the fun and educational aspects of art. Students participate in various art-themed booths provided by departments of the Chickasaw Nation.

"Art Shapes the World" is this year's celebration theme. Past booths have included yam decorating, vegetable build-a-bug, offered by Nutrition Services and a booth by Chickasaw Press at which participants designed and created their own book covers.

The winners of the Chickasaw Creative Writing Contest will also be announced at the YAM Celebration. This year, Oklahoma State Poet Laureate Jim Barnes will be on hand to present the awards.

Established in 1961, Youth Art Month is sponsored by The Council for Art Education, Inc., and the Art & Creative

Materials Institute. It is celebrated each March to emphasize the value of art and art education for all children.

The Chickasaw Community Center is located at 700 North Mississippi. For more information, contact the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520 or email laura.stewart@chickasaw.net.

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Mark Your Calendar

YAM celebration

10 a.m.- 2 p.m.

March 27

Chickasaw Nation Community Center
Ada



27 at the Chickasaw Community Center in Ada.

To commemorate YAM, the Chickasaw

The Chickasaw Nation 2010 Tribal Election Seats Open for Election

Pontotoc District
Seat 5

Pickens District
Seat 3

Panola District
Seat 3

Tishomingo District
Seat 2

Supreme Court
Seat 1

BIRTHDAY



Akeelah Logan

Akeelah Logan will celebrate her first birthday February 11, 2010 with family and friends.

Akeelah is the daughter of Cynthia Murphy and Tyrone Logan, of Ada, Okla.

She is the granddaughter of Lisa and Ricky Murphy, of Ada, and Sheila and Lawrence Red, of Rayne, La.



Saylor Smith

Saylor Dianne Smith turned 1 January 12, 2010. She celebrated her first birthday January 9 at The Ringling Community Center with a ladybugs theme party. Everyone enjoyed a 3-tiered lady bug cake, ice cream, strawberry punch and pizza. The birthday girl enjoyed her very own ladybug smash cake.

Saylor is the daughter of Gregg and Summer Smith.

Helping Saylor celebrate were Mommy and Daddy, Aunt Shawna; cousins, Morgan, Hunter, Preslee, Kennedee, and Karson Thorne; Uncle Scott; Aunt Brandi; cousins, Devin, Austin and Lane Phelps and Braidon Willis; Uncle Mike; Aunt Joni; cousins, Parker, and Emma Jo Phelps; Linda Williams; JoDe and Cooper Stewart; Judy Scott; Valerie Taylor; Shelia and Carson Timmons; Julie and Savannah Claxton; and Mary Lockwood.

Happy 1st Birthday Saylor Dianne

You are such a blessing to us and we love you so much!

Love, Mommy and Daddy



Damon Jefferson

Damon Wayne Jefferson turned five years old Jan. 27, 2010. He celebrated his birthday at the Lazer Zone in Ada, Okla., with an Iron Man theme birthday party.

He is the son of Brad Jefferson and Lori Hamilton.

Damon has been with us only five short years but has already filled our hearts with enough love and memories to last a lifetime. We hope you live life to the fullest and never stop chasing your dreams.

We will always love you!

Happy birthday Son!



Alex Jarrett

Alex Jarrett turned two years old December 24, 2009. He celebrated Dec. 20, 2009 with a cowboy and horse-themed party. He was blessed to be surrounded by family and friends on his special day including his parents Daniel and Amber Jarrett; grandparents, Robin Jarrett, David and Angela Connor and Jimmy and Beverly Knight; great-grandparents, Maurice and Omega Williams; uncles, Kendal Knight and Austin Connor; great-uncles, Shannon Cagle and Corky Acosta; great-aunts, Deborah Williams, Lisa Cagle and Bennie Acosta; cousins, Skyler Cagle and Leah Lewis. Sending gifts were Byron, Regena and Cade Frye, Karlos, Brandy and Kody Argo and aunt Brittney Knight.

Happy 2nd Birthday Alex!



Natalie Kirkley

Natalie Kirkley celebrated her third birthday with two parties. Natalie turned three Jan. 8, 2010 and celebrated that evening with her dad and aunt and uncle with pizza and cake.

On Jan. 9, 2010 she celebrated with lots of family and friends with a party at her grandmother's home in Norman, Okla.

Natalie is the daughter of Charles Clint Kirkley III, of Lat-ta, Okla., and Charlotte Larney, of Oklahoma City.

She is the granddaughter of Morine Underwood, of Asher, Okla.

Help us update our military list!

The Chickasaw Nation is updating the military database for those on active duty and stationed away from home.

If you know of a Chickasaw in the service whom you would like to add to the list or update their address, please contact Joy Barrick in the Public Affairs Department at (580) 310-6451 or email joy.barrick@chickasaw.net.

Complete the Customer Service Survey and win!

Chickasaw citizens who complete a tribal customer service survey can win \$100.

Chickasaws can access the Customer Service Survey through the tribal website at www.chickasaw.net. The survey seeks input from citizens regarding tribal programs, services and customer service.

After completing the survey, enter the giveaway. The \$100 will be given away each quarter. Winners will be announced in *the Chickasaw Times*.

BIRTHS



LeShayne Duke

LeShayne Dyann Duke was born Jan. 19, 2010 at 9:27 a.m. at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility, Ada, Okla. She weighed 7 lbs., 4 oz., and measured 19 inches at birth.

LeShayne is the daughter of Stephen and Stephanie Duke, of Ada, and the sister to Dallas Duke.

She is the granddaughter of Jim and Susan Gurley, and Macalyen Duke, all of Ada, and the late Wade Duke. She is the great-granddaughter of JD and Virginia Haney and Georgia Haney.

Proud uncle and aunt are Brian and Tracie Carter, of Ada.



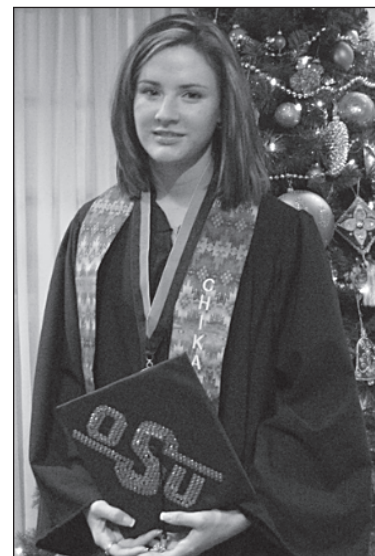
Elliana Gurry

Elliana Jordan Gurry was born Sept. 29, 2009. She weighed 7 lbs., and measured 19 inches at birth. She is the daughter of Tyler and Nicole Gurry and has a sister, Kay.

She is the granddaughter of Morgan and Amanda Griboski, of Ada, Okla., and Howard and Pauline Sliger, of Stonewall, Okla.

She is the great-granddaughter of Dorothy Sliger, of Ada, William Underwood, of Washington, Ben Litzinger and the late Kay Litzinger, of Washington, the late Jack and Jackie (Barbara) Griboski, Phyllis Benton, of Hugo, Okla., Paul and Beverly Loftin, of Sapulpa, Okla., the late James Gurry, Jr., James Gurry, Sr., of Del City, Okla., Nadine Hill, of Muskogee, Okla., and the late Jack Hill.

CHICKASAW STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Leesha Harvey

Harvey earns education degree from OSU

Leesha Paige Harvey is a 2009 graduate of Oklahoma State University, Stillwater. Leesha is the daughter of Jeffrey Lynn Harvey, of Allen, Texas and Denise Tutton, of Ardmore, Okla.

She is the granddaughter of Vanda Harvey, of Allen, and great-granddaughter of George and Anna Lee Sanders Burkhart, of Marietta, Okla. Anna Lee Sanders Burkhart's grandmother and great-grandmother were Chickasaw original enrollees.

Miss Harvey graduated Dec. 12 with a bachelor of science degree in Human Development and Family Studies. Leesha is a 2004 graduate of Plainview High School, Plainview, Okla. She currently resides in Allen, Texas and is currently working at Primrose Private School, Allen.

Miss Harvey's twin sister, Lauren Ashley Harvey Evans, graduated from Oklahoma State University May 9, 2009 with a bachelor of science degree in Elementary Education. She currently resides in Stillwater and has a teaching position at Cushing, Okla.

Miss Harvey is extremely grateful for the generosity of the Chickasaw Nation is assisting her in her pursuit of her education. Her family is proud of her dedication, hard work and accomplishment.

CHICKASAW STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Rebecca Bowyer

Bowyer graduates from Sam Houston State

Rebecca Lynn Bowyer is a 2009 graduate of Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas. She is the daughter of Ronald and Wyoma Bowyer, of Sealy, Texas.

She is the granddaughter of Robert and Shelby Bowyer, of Sutton, W. Va., and Ruby (Gorrell) Thomas, of Barberton, Ohio and the late Charles Thomas.

Miss Bowyer graduated Dec. 19, 2009 with a bachelor of science degree in Mathematics with a minor in Photography.

She currently works as an analyst for the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment at Sam Houston State University and is pursuing a master of science degree in Statistics.

Miss Bowyer wishes to thank the Chickasaw Nation for the financial support through the years and the opportunity that is in her future.



Mark Chesnut

Chesnut makes Big 12 academic first team

A Chickasaw college football player has recently been named to his league's academic team.

Mark Chesnut, an offensive lineman for the Oklahoma State University Cowboys, was named to the 2009 All-Big 12 Conference Academic First Team. Mr. Chesnut was one of six OSU players named to the team.

To earn a place on the academic team, players must achieve a minimum 3.2 grade point average.

Mr. Chesnut was an All-State player at Miami (OK) High School and an academic All American at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M University prior to moving to OSU.

He is the son of Chuck and Shirley Chesnut, of Miami. He is the grandson of Shirley (Peggy) Love Murphy and the great-grandson of original enrollee Frank Criner Love.



Tony Frizell

Frizell graduates from Texas A&M-Galveston

Tyler Frizell is a 2009 graduate of Texas A&M University at Galveston. He is the son of Jeff and Toni Frizell, of Austin.

He is the grandson of Loretta Frizell, of Paoli, Okla., and Don and Claudine Tally, of Snow, Okla.

Mr. Frizell graduated Dec. 19, 2009 with a bachelor of science degree in Ocean and Coastal Resources. He also achieved certification as a divemaster and has enjoyed participating in research dives in the Gulf of Mexico and cavern diving in Mexico.

While at A&M-Galveston his activities included Check-In Crew, volunteer work at the Galveston Boys & Girls Club, attending Aggie football games and working as a lifeguard supervisor at Schlitterbahn Water Park for four years.

Mr. Frizell is a 2005 graduate of Llano (TX) High School.

His plans are to continue his education to earn a master's degree in Marine Science.

Mr. Frizell appreciates the financial assistance he received from the Chickasaw Nation that helped him achieve his educational goals.



Lindsay Grisham

Grisham named to Dean's, Chancellor's rolls

A Chickasaw student has recently been honored on both the Dean's List and Chancellor's List at the University of Arkansas.

Lindsay Grisham, of Cabot, Ark., was named to the University of Arkansas J. William Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences Dean's List for the Fall 2009 semester. The Dean's List recognizes the top 10 percent of students in the Fulbright College class.

Miss Grisham was also named to the University of Arkansas Chancellor's List. Students on the Chancellor's List have attained a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

She is the daughter of Don and Kristina Grisham, of Cabot.

Indian high school students with interest in health care, research can apply for summer event

Indian high school students with an interest in health care or medical research can now apply for a summer youth initiative in Washington, D.C.

The Association of American Indian Physicians is now accepting applications from Indian and Alaska Native students ages 16 to 18. Students accepted to the 13th Annual Patty Iron Cloud National Native American Youth Initiative will receive full scholarships to the June 19-27 event.

The Youth Initiative will



Lori Harp

Harp begins dietetics internship at Mayo Clinic

A Chickasaw student has recently been named to an internship program at an internationally-recognized medical clinic.

Lori Harp, of Ada, Okla., in January began her internship with the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Fla. Miss Harp was one of three students selected for the eight-month dietetics internship at the Mayo School of Health Sciences in Jacksonville.

The Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville is a comprehensive medical facility. It supports advanced programs in medical education and research.

Miss Harp is a 2009 graduate of the University of Oklahoma Health Science Center's College of Allied Health. She earned a master's degree in dietetics from OU.

The Mayo internship prepares students for profession-

al practice in hospitals, clinics, public health agencies and food service management.

Miss Harp maintained a 4.0 grade point average during her master's course work. Upon completion of 1,320 supervised practice hours, she will receive a certificate of completion from the College of Medicine, Mayo School of Health Sciences. She will then take the professional registration examination administered by the American Dietetic Association.

Miss Harp is the daughter of Randy and Margaret Harp, of Ada. She has a brother, Matt Harp.

She is the granddaughter of Virgie Leader and Clarence Leader and the great-granddaughter of original enrollee Johnson Leader.



Cody Reynolds

Navy Petty Officer in Rescue Swimmer School

A Chickasaw has completed several levels of U.S. Navy training and is now engaged in rescue training.

Petty Officer 3rd Class Cody Reynolds, USN, of Ardmore, Okla., is currently training in Rescue Swimmer School in San Diego. He will complete his training in about two months.

He is also engaged in Replacement Air Crew School.

Petty Officer Reynolds completed basic training and Air Crew School in 2007, followed by Aviation Warfare "A" School.

Petty Officer Reynolds is the son of Michelle Patterson, of Roswell, N.M. His grandparents are Sonny and Norma Prince, of Pontotoc, Okla., and Doyle (Sonny) and Ann Reynolds, of Ardmore.

Burkharts celebrate 70th Wedding Anniversary in Marietta



George and Anna Lee Burkhardt

George Van and Anna Lee Burkhardt celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary Dec. 3, 2009. They were married December 3, 1939 in Marietta, Okla.

Mr. Burkhardt, son of Love County pioneers E.I. (Ira) and Ellie Burkhardt, was born February 17, 1918 at Bomar. He served in the U.S. Navy Seabees during World War II and following his discharge was employed by Shell Oil Company. During his employment with Shell, The Burkharts lived in Odessa, Texas, and Chillicothe, Texas before returning home to Love County.

Since his return Mr. Burkhardt has enjoyed being a farmer, rancher and carpenter. He is a member of American Legion and VFW; past commander of McGee Henry American Legion Post #302, Chillicothe; Past Master of Chillicothe Masonic

Lodge #876; Charter Member of Scottish Rite Consistory, Lubbock Texas, Noble of the Mystic Shrine, Maskat Temple, Wichita Falls, Texas, Honorary Member of Khiva Shrine Temple, Amarillo, Texas. He is of Cherokee Indian ancestry.

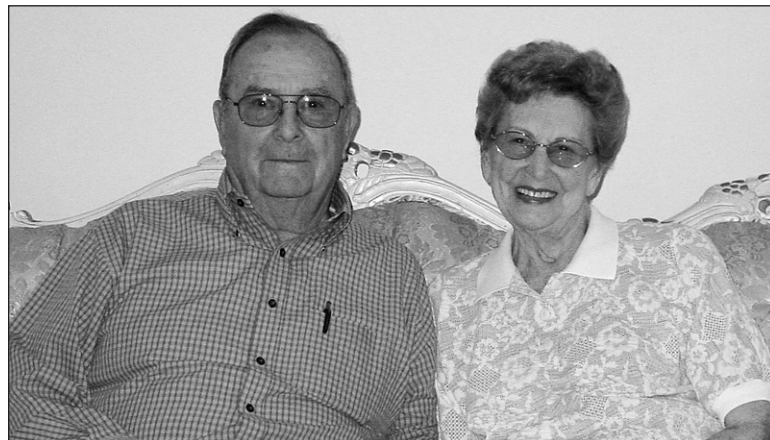
Anna Lee Burkhardt, daughter of Henry and Dora Sanders, was born at Eastman, August 19, 1920. Mrs. Burkhardt is a past member of the Shady Dale Home Extension Group and Busy Bee Home Extension Group. She has been honored twice as Homemaker of the Year in, 1985 and 1991, and Citizen of the Year in 1997. She served as president of the Love County Extension Homemakers Council and in 1990 was presented a 50-year Membership Pin and Certificate at the State Convention. She was also a member of the Ardmore Quilt Guild and served as a member

of the County Fair Board. Mrs. Burkhardt is of Chickasaw Indian ancestry. Her mother Dora Souse Sanders, her grandmother and her great-grandmother were all original enrollees.

George and Anna Lee both have served as workers on the Election Board at Bomar and at Shady Dale and are members of the First Baptist Church in Marietta. As recognition of their service to the community they served as Marietta's 1992 Frontier Days King and Queen.

They are the parents of six children, Elizabeth Cooke, who died in 2006; Vanda Harvey of Allen, Texas, Gary V. Burkhardt of Marietta, Karen Jean who died in 1949, John Burkhardt of Kemp, Texas, Rick Burkhardt of Conroe Texas., and an adopted daughter, Sue Berry of Allen. They also have eight grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

They are most proud of the continued tradition of the family serving the country in the military. Son, Gary Vance Burkhardt, served in Vietnam in the U.S. Navy, grandson Christopher James Harvey is currently serving in the U.S. Army and has just completed his second tour in Iraq, grandson Jessie Gipson serving in the U.S. Marines Corps. has just completed an assignment in Guantanamo Bay and is being deployed to Spain; and newly great-son-in-law, Noah Evans, served four years in the U.S. Marines Corps.



Bob and Mary Lou Nichols

Nichols celebrate 65th Wedding Anniversary

Bob and Mary Lou Nichols of Pauls Valley, Okla., celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary, Feb. 6, 2010. The couple was married Feb. 6, 1945 in Palm Beach, Fla., while both were serving in the U.S. Coast Guard. Mr. Nichols was on anti-submarine warfare duty, and Mrs. Nichols was a teacher/instructor for the women in the Coast Guard.

The Nichols' have three daughters, Sandra Strickland, and husband Doug, of Pauls Valley; Barbara Tolleson, and husband Don, of Windsor, Colo.; and Cindy Alexander, and husband Dean, of Mustang, Okla. The Nichols have 10 grand children and 15 great-grandchildren. Mr. Nichols is the son of original enrollee Joe B. Nichols.

Havern family



From left, Blake Havern, Dominick Havern, Logan Havern, Derek Havern, Justin Havern, Kendall Havern. Chickasaw Havern families met in Grapevine, Texas to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday at The Great Wolf Lodge. Blake, Logan and Justin Havern are the children of Chris and Amy Havern, of The Woodlands, Texas. Dominick, Derek and Kendall Havern are the children of Jeff and Yuki Havern, of El Reno, Okla. All six are the grandchildren of Tim and Amanda Havern, of El Reno.

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50th Anniversary

Written by Carolyn Harris

The year was 1959, when Mom and Dad first met.
The place was Princess Drive-In and it gets better yet.
In the next year they tied the knot, and pledged their vows forever.

Now fifty years have come and gone, and they are still together.
Most of the time while we were young, Dad's work took him from home.

Mom took over raising us, teaching us right from wrong.
Some nights when Dad would come home late, tired from his long run,
He would wake us up and off we would go, for family time and fun.

Dad would head for Jack-in-the-Box, those tacos we adored,
Spending time together, who could ask for more?
The years rushed past, where did they go, with four kids of their own.

And in a few shorts years, seven grandkids came along.
Now it's time for great-grandkids, there are three to date,
And they just received the news,
another is on its way.
Sometimes we'll hear a voice or words they may have said,
That left a deep impression of values in our heads.

No child could be more proud of the love our parents share.

No matter what wrongs we did in life, they were always there.

So as you celebrate today, your love is one of a kind,
Thanks to Princess Drive-In and 1959!



Clyde and Betty Souther, 1960



Clyde and Betty Souther, 2010

Clyde and Betty Souther were married, February 19, 1960 at Houston, Texas.

Betty Souther is the granddaughter of original Chicka-

saw enrollee, Mattie Hardwick. Clyde and Betty currently reside in Fayetteville, Texas with their fifth "child," their yorkie-poo - Tinkerbell.

New tribal arts instructor focuses on Chickasaw culture, art forms



Elizabeth Swearingen

New Chickasaw Nation Art Instructor Elizabeth Swearingen hopes to raise awareness about the culture and art forms of the Chickasaw people and about the importance of using art in education.

"I love showing students something new or a new process of thinking about things," she said.

A 2003 graduate of East Central (OK) University, she has taught various forms of art at Pontotoc Technology Center, Murray State College and the ECU's Continuing Education and Community Services.

Swearingen began her love for art an early age. As a military kid during the Gulf War, she had the opportunity to live in Germany for three years during elementary school.

"Everything was so ornate," she said. "I also had the opportunity to visit incredible museums and see works by prominent artists."

Personally, she enjoys textiles and mixed-media pieces.

"I like that you can use differ-

ent objects to enhance the piece or convey a certain feeling," she said. "It can really make the art more approachable and relatable to the viewer."

In her role as Art Instructor for the Chickasaw Nation, she serves as instructor for many programs offered by Arts and Humanities. These include A Saturday Art Program (ASAP),

the Healing Hands initiative, Mini-Festivals at area schools and Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy.

For more information about the educational art programs offered by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities, call (580) 272-5520.

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Counseling now available in Oklahoma City



Julie Barchers

Ms. Barchers is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, receiving a master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy from Abilene Christian University in 2006.

Her experience includes providing therapy for families whose children have been in state custody and providing individual, couples, family and group therapy.

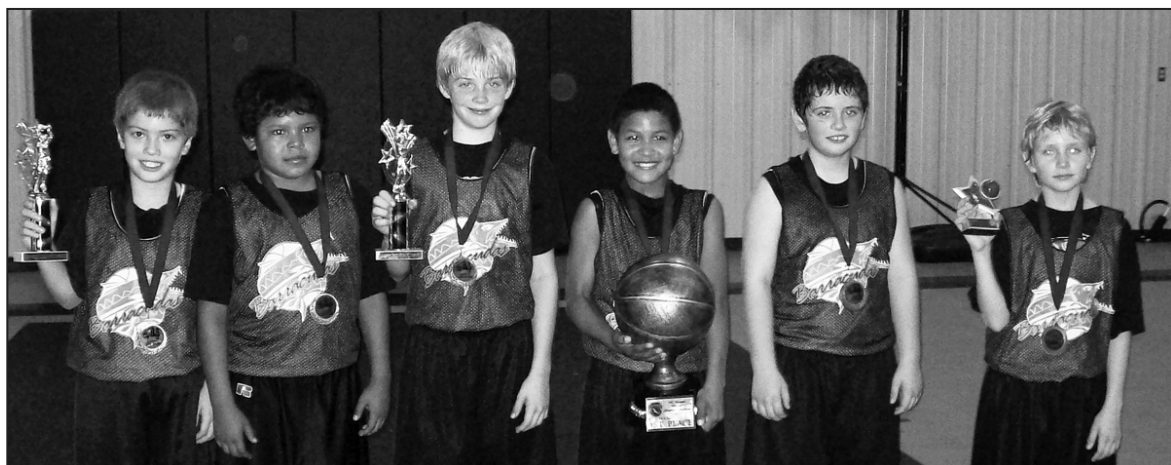
Counseling is offered free of charge to all Chickasaw citizens and other Native Americans, or anyone who impacts the lives of Native American children, including tribal employees.

Two full-time program therapists are located in the Ada office.

For scheduling please call the Chickasaw Nation Office of Strong Family Development at 580-436-1222.

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Barracudas win title



Barracuda team members from left, Dakota Jesse, Trejan Blue, Billy Wall, Darian Davis, Austin Lambert and Cayman Watkins. The boys won the 9-10 boys title at the Warriors Showcase Shootout Nov. 27-29 in Henryetta, Okla. A total of 73 boys' and girls' teams competed in the tournament. The Shootout hosts young Native American all-star players in an affordable, family event.

Bailey to play at Southwestern



Bailey Bell recently signed a letter of intent to play softball at Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Weatherford. Bailey is a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation and currently a senior at Weatherford High School. Pictured from left, Brent Bell (father), Bailey Bell, Lezley Bell (mother). Back row from left, Mary Lantz (grandmother), Breanne Bell (sister), Southwestern coach Garrett Smith, and Brooklyn Bell (sister).

Chance Brown desired to express appreciation

Young Chickasaw artist presents work to first family



Chance Brown with the Presidential thank you note and some of his art work.

Chance Brown, a graduate of the Chickasaw Nation Chikasha Apichi Ikbi (Creating Chickasaw Leaders) program, recently received a thank you note in the mail.

What made the note unique was the sender - the President and First Lady of the United States.

President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama sent Brown, a Dickson, Okla., native, the expression of gratitude for a color pencil depiction he created.

Brown brought along the large portrait of the president when he traveled by tribal bus last summer to Washington, D.C. with the youth leadership

group.

Chance was motivated to create the original work as a way to express his gratitude to the new president.

He worked on the 18"x24" piece for about a month, had it matted and framed and wrapped in brown paper for the 20-hour bus ride to Washington.

"I did it as a way to show appreciation to Obama, said the 19-year-old.

"I felt it was an opportunity that was not going to happen again."

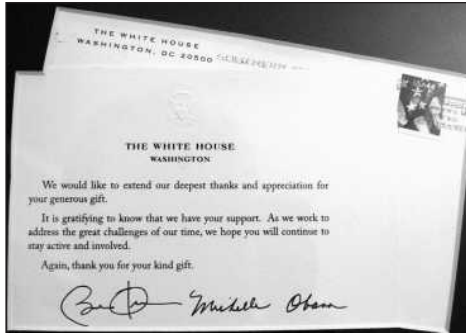
The election of 2008 was Brown's first opportunity to exercise his right to vote and he cast his vote for the current president.

Chickasaw Nation Youth Specialist Kevin Tiger worked as Brown's advisor in the program for the past year and engaged his Washington connections to ensure the art was delivered to the White House.

Tiger's cousin, Matthew Cravatt, a Chickasaw citizen from Davis, Okla., now works for the Department of Interior in Washington.

"I did everything in my power to make sure it got there," said Tiger.

One afternoon during the trip, Tiger carried the art work on the metro subway to downtown Washington, where he met Cravatt and delivered the art.



A thank you note from President and Michelle Obama to Chickasaw Chance Brown.

Cravatt took it to a meeting with Jodi Eillette, an Indian Affairs/ White House liaison and presented it to her.

Brown was thankful for the connection and for the trip.

He has received his "Presidential Thank You" in the mail late December.

"I was amazed, he said.

"I thought it was going to be

anything except a letter of acknowledgement. I couldn't help but get excited, and I am glad my dog didn't chew it up."

"He was so anxious to hear something, and when he called me at work. I am so proud of him," said his mother, Peggy Brawley.

The text of the note reads: "We would like to extend our deepest thanks and appreciation for your generous gift. It is gratifying to know that we have your support. As we work to address the great challenges of our time, we hope you will continue to stay active and involved. Again, thank you for your kind gift."

The letter is signed by President Barack and Michelle Obama.

Brown is an art student at the Ardmore Higher Education Center in Ardmore, Okla.

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Art work Chance Brown created for President Obama and his family. Brown, of Ardmore, recently received recognition for his gift to the White House.

About Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi

The Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi Program is for Chickasaw high school students who demonstrate a desire to learn about their tribe and become tomorrow's leaders.

The one-year process provides students the opportunity to explore career choices, learn leadership qualities and characteristics, and study Native American culture, ethics, and other topics.

Youngsters enjoy Lazer Zone during Winter Lock-In

More than 100 young people flocked to the annual Winter Lock-In at Lazer Zone Family Fun Center, in Ada, January 8-9, with a mission: to stay up all night and play fun games.

Hosted by Chickasaw Nation Division of Youth and Family Services, the overnight event



Bailee McCurdy, of Ada, enjoys the Chickasaw Nation Winter Lock In conducted last month at Lazer Zone Family Fun Center in Ada.

offered a range of fun activities including bowling, laser tag, black light mini golf, and batting cages.

Lazer Zone is an entertainment facility owned and operated by the Chickasaw Nation.

Approximately 120 young people from around the area attended the annual event, including 41 tribal martial arts students, who conducted a demonstration during the evening.

"It was a very successful event and the kids who attended had a great time," said event coordinator Matt Folsom.

The event provides Chickasaw youth a chance to get to know each other and have a great time.

Chase Horton, of Ada, has attended the lock-in for the past five years.

"I liked it better this year than all the years before....I re-

ally liked the competitions that we had. There really isn't anything NOT to like by them having it at Lazer Zone," he said.

Bailee McCurdy is a two-time lock-in veteran. The Ada 11-year-old said she liked to play laser tag and stay up all night with her friends during the all-night event.

Avery Logan, said "I like the arcade, and I like the free laser tag, that's my favorite part."

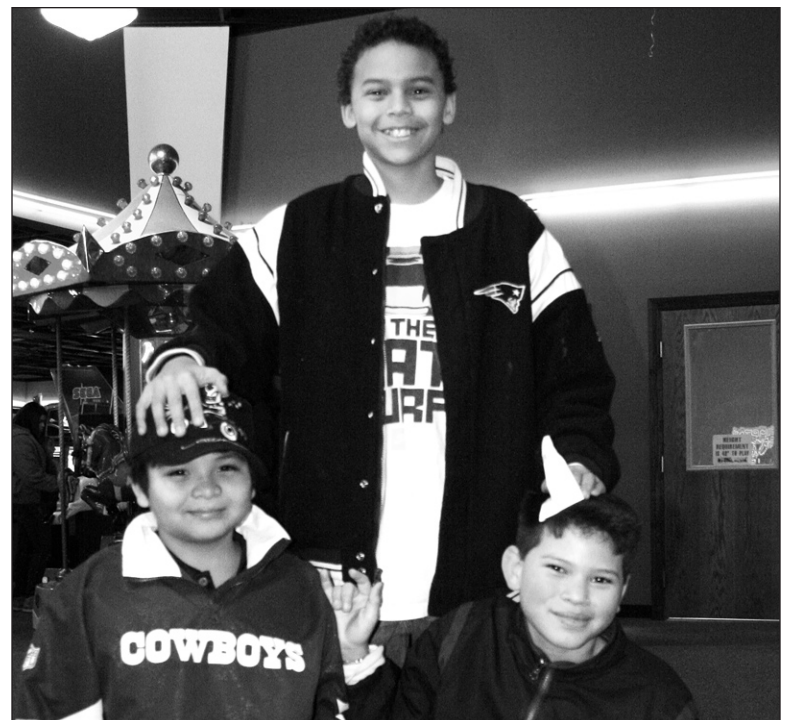
Avery was attending the event for the second time with his friend Brandon Stephens.

"He fell asleep last year but I stayed up," Avery said.

The Winter Lock-In is one of several events hosted each year by the Chickasaw Youth Services department.

For more information on this or other events, contact the department at (580) 436-2603.

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Ada residents Jayson Morgan, Avery Logan and Brandon Stephens, from left, have fun at the annual Lock In.

Chickasaw citizen named to National Indian Gaming Commission



Steffani A. Cochran

A Chickasaw citizen has joined the National Indian Gaming Commission.

Steffani A. Cochran recently began serving a three-year term as Commissioner of NIGC, the agency which regulates the tribal casino industry.

Ms. Cochran has dedicated the past decade serving Indian Country, including stops as Special Counsel for Indian

Affairs in the New Mexico Attorney General's Office and her previous role as General Counsel for the Pueblo of Pojoaque.

"My career as a public servant has included work for tribal and state governments, so this will be my first opportunity to serve the federal government, Ms. Cochran said.

"Gaming is unquestionably a vital component of tribal economies, which is one reason that I am so excited about this opportunity.

"I understand the impact of gaming to a tribal community," she said, referring the success of the Chickasaw Nation.

The success of the Chickasaw Nation, she said, "is amazing."

"My hope is future generations will know no difference."

Ms. Cochran said the tribe's success can be attributed to "forward thinking leaders who stick to long term objectives."

The Oklahoma City native said she had received much support from the Chickasaw Nation and Governor Bill Anoatubby while pursuing her education and professional goals.

"Governor Anoatubby is extremely

supportive of all my endeavors," she said, adding Gov. Anoatubby is respected not only in Indian Country, but nationwide.

Gov. Anoatubby said he was pleased "to see our Chickasaw people achieve success. Ms. Cochran has distinguished herself during a wide-ranging legal career.

"We believe she is well-prepared to assume this important position of public service."

U.S. Rep. Tom Cole (R-Okla.), a Chickasaw citizen said, "I am very encouraged by Commissioner Cochran's broad experience in Indian affairs, particularly her understanding of the importance of the gaming industry in Indian Country. And I am also very proud to see a fellow Chickasaw succeed in any field. I look forward to working with her to advance the interests of tribal gaming, and by extension, all of Native America."

Ms. Cochran was nominated for the post by Interior Secretary Ken Salazar. She joins acting Chairman George Skibine and Vice Chairman Norm DesRois.

Ms. Cochran holds a bachelor's degree from Oklahoma State University, a master's degree from George Mason Univer-

sity and a law degree from American University, Washington, D.C.

Ms. Cochran and her 9-year-old son recently moved from Santa Fe, N.M. to the Washington, D.C. area.

She is the daughter of Karen (Milligan) Ryland, granddaughter of Raymond Milligan, and great-granddaughter of the late Caroline Milligan, an original enrollee.

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About the National Indian Gaming Commission

As an independent federal regulatory agency of the United States, the National Indian Gaming was established in 1988. The Commission is made up of a three-member panel.

The Chairman is appointed by the President and must be confirmed by the Senate. The Secretary of Interior appoints the other two Commissioners.

The Commission maintains its headquarters in Washington, D.C., with regional offices in Portland, Ore; Sacramento, Calif.; Phoenix; St. Paul, Minnesota; Tulsa, Okla.; and Oklahoma City.

Coats, toys, dollars and more donated to Indian children



Some of the three bags of toys donated to the Chickasaw Nation Department of Family Advocacy by the National Wrestling Alliance of Oklahoma, in conjunction with the All Nations Annual Pow Wow of Ada Society committee. The NWA hosted a wrestling match with an entry fee of one unwrapped toy.

ADA, Okla. - Christmas was warmer and brighter for several Native American children thanks to the kindness of several Chickasaw Nation and Ada-area groups.

More than 500 coats and hundreds of toys were donated from several tribal departments and local organizations

and given to children in Chickasaw Nation Family Advocacy programs, said Angela Connor, Family Advocacy Department director.

Among the groups donating were the National Wrestling Alliance and All Nations Pow Wow of Ada, the Council of Law Enforcement Education and Train-

ing (CLEET), Chickasaw Nation Child Support Enforcement, Chickasaw Nation Division of Treasury and Youth Services staff, Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi (Youth Leadership) members, and the Chickasaw Children's Village.

Conner said dozens of children benefited from the generosity of these groups.

"Overwhelming response far exceeded our expectations," she said. "Support from the community and Chickasaw Nation employees far outpaced previous year's donations."

Numerous tribal divisions and departments participate in the "Angel Tree" program each year. Angel Trees hold cards with children's clothing sizes and ages. Employees select cards, then purchase and wrap clothing and other items for the "Angels."

"It was amazing, said Ginger Dunn, Chepotta Himitta Program manager.

"It was a very blessed holiday."

Employees from the Chickasaw Nation Division of Justice donated money and purchased gifts for the Angels. The tribal Child Development staff "adopted" six families from the Chepotta Himitta (Young Child) program. Division of Treasury employees donated 500 coats, CLEET staffers presented three bags full of toys, tribal Youth Services staff raised funds for residents of the Domestic Violence Shelter, and donated toys to children in the Chepotta Himitta program.

Child Support Services staffers donated toys and wrapped them for a Christmas party for the families in the programs and Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi members donated gifts for the party and took and printed photos of the children with Santa.

Many additional tribal divisions and departments participated in this year's Christmas donation programs.

The National Wrestling Alliance of Oklahoma, in conjunc-

tion with the All Nations Annual Pow Wow of Ada Society committee, contributed three bags toys for the children in the program.

In December, the National Wrestling Alliance of Oklahoma hosted a wrestling match in Ada. The entry fee for the event was an unwrapped toy.

The toy and coats were dispersed among children in all programs.

The Department of Family Advocacy has five programs within the Division of Youth and Family Services, including Indian Child Welfare Program, Foster Care and Adoption, Violence Prevention, Family Preservation and the Chepotta Himitta Program.

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Over 100 Chickasaw boys attend drills

Tribal Winter Baseball Camp attracts 'Boys of Summer'



Ty Rambo, a student at Moss (OK) Schools, practices his fielding skills during Winter Baseball Camp last month.

ARDMORE, Okla. - More than 100 young Chickasaw baseball players learned tips of the

game from the pros during the seventh annual Chickasaw Nation Winter Baseball Camp Dec.



Dylan Harden, in front, and Taw Jackson Scaff, at right, both of Sulphur, Okla., line up with other campers for fielding drills at Winter Baseball Camp.



Ada's Drew Elliott backhands a grounder during Chickasaw Nation Baseball Camp.

21-22 at Ardmore High School's indoor baseball facility.

Coaches from several area high schools and colleges joined professional baseball players at the camp. The camp welcomes boys ages six to 18.

A few, like Chickasaw citizen Leslie Wesberry, attended the camp as players and have now returned to coaches.

Wesberry is now a collegiate player at Lon Morris College in Texas.

"It's pretty neat you get to be the guy who helps," Wesberry said. "When I was younger I really looked up to these coaches and now I am the one who gets to give back to the kids."

Coach James Martin was one of the coaches who tutored Wesberry.

"You get to see the results of the camp," Coach Martin said about Wesberry and other former high school players who are now coaching at the camp.

"It really makes you proud," he said. "(Wesberry) is a hard worker and takes the game seriously, and he is still listening."

Martin played 10 years for the several professional baseball teams.

Third-year baseball camp veteran Ty Rambo said, "the more you come (to camp), the

more you learn.

"They teach you a lot," said the high school freshman catcher.

Caleb McDonald, of Kingston, Okla., said he looked forward to the camp every year. He has attended for the past seven years and plays shortstop.

Conner Kuykendall, of Bethel, Okla., attended camp for the first time this year.

The six-year-old said his favorite part of camp was hitting the ball off the tee.

"The coaches are really cool, too," he said.

Several first-time baseball campers including Logan Jarrett, of Ada; Toby Taliaffero, of Davis; and Matthew McAngus, of Pauls Valley said they learned new skills.

"I learned to really hit a baseball," said Logan.

Camp instruction focused on improving the fundamentals of hitting, pitching and fielding. Warm weather allowed campers to practice fielding outdoors.

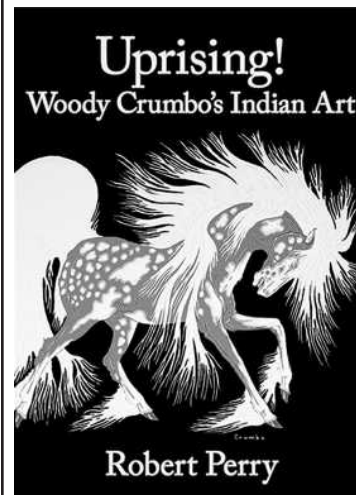
In addition baseball fundamentals, life skills such as goal setting, dedication and self-discipline were stressed by the coaches.

Coaches at baseball camp included Zack Birth, Dave Martin, James Martin, Ead Simon, Brad Miller, Chuckie Caufield, Keanon Simon, Shane Coker, Neb Brown, Tyler Gillium, Dusty Rowland, Micha Noland, Zack Crabtree, Danny Baldrige and Leslie Wesberry.

Many of the coaches had extensive experience at the college and professional level, including Caufield, an Ada High School graduate, who is a minor league professional in the Milwaukee Brewers organization, and Drew Miller, a Latta alumnus, who plays in the minors for the San Diego Padres.

During the closing ceremonies, Joseph Johnson, of Lone Grove, Okla., and Austin Lambert, of Coalgate, Okla., were named top campers and received gift certificates.

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Uprising! Woody Crumbo's Indian Art

Booksigning by Robert Perry, author of *Uprising! Woody Crumbo's Indian Art*, is scheduled for 12 p.m. - 2 p.m., Sunday, March 7, 2010 at the Heard Museum, Phoenix, Ariz.

A Chickasaw Press book about a famous artist!

Team USA members Monica Abbott, Vicky Galendo and Kelly Kretschman Coach Youth Camp

Girls receive Olympic coaching at Winter Softball Camp

ARDMORE, Okla. - Chickasaw athletes learned fundamentals of softball from a trio of elite Team USA players during the Chickasaw Nation Winter Softball Clinic, Dec. 28 and 29 at Ardmore High School's sports complex in Ardmore.

Team USA members Monica Abbott, Vicky Galendo and Kelly Kretschman offered tips, advice and words of wisdom to 103 fast pitch softball players.

Along with game fundamentals, the Olympic athletes covered pitching, fielding and batting techniques and stressed the importance of a strong work ethic and good habits.

Abbott said young athletes were impressionable and words of encouragement could set them on the path to success.

"This can be it for them," said the Olympic medalist, "and we hope to be motivating and inspiring, because one person can change a young athletes' life."

Abbott shared stories with the young athletes about being the younger sister of the family's star athlete, and working hard to eventually break nu-



More than 100 Chickasaw athletes learned fundamentals of softball Team USA players Monica Abbott, Vicky Galendo and Kelly Kretschman during the Chickasaw Nation Winter Softball Clinic, Dec. 28 and 29 at Ardmore (OK) High School's sports complex.

merous softball records.

While playing for the University of Tennessee from 2004 to 2007, Abbott became the NCAA Division I Softball all-time leader in career wins, strikeouts, shutouts, innings pitched, games started and games pitched.

She has received numerous awards and accolades throughout her career.

Galindo helped the players with batting, fielding, running form and speed mechanics.

"Growing up, I did not have an opportunity to go to camps, so it is great to come and give

back and help young girls, she said.

"It's nice to see their progress."

Because of chilly temperatures, the clinic was confined to the indoor facility, but Galindo said the girls worked hard and played well.

She shared stories about playing softball at a junior college, working hard to play for the University of California-Berkeley Golden Bears, and later the professional Chicago Bandits.

Like many of the girls at camp, her softball career began at age four.

"It's an honor and fun to coach these girls," Kretschman said. "Maybe they will take what they have learned over the past two days and someday we will see them on television."

Kretschman played at the University of Alabama and has been a member of three professional softball teams.

She stressed to the players they could achieve success with hard work.

Kretschman grew up playing baseball with boys, and later switched to softball.

Players ranged in age from nine to 18 and traveled from all over Oklahoma and Texas to attend the camp.

Shelby Alexander was escorted to camp by her grandfather, Wayne Alexander.

A Chickasaw citizen who resides in Love County, Mr. Alexander said he was impressed by the Chickasaw Nation's efforts to offer sports camps to the youth.

"This camp is really nice for the girls and they are really enjoying it," he said. "I appreciate what the Chickasaw Nation doing this for them"

When asked how it felt to learn from her softball hero, Monica Abbott, Shelby Alexander, a pitcher, said, "It's really cool. She taught me all of her new stuff, and she's really nice, too."

"It's a great experience," said Pricilla O'Dell, a seventh grader from Maysville, Okla.

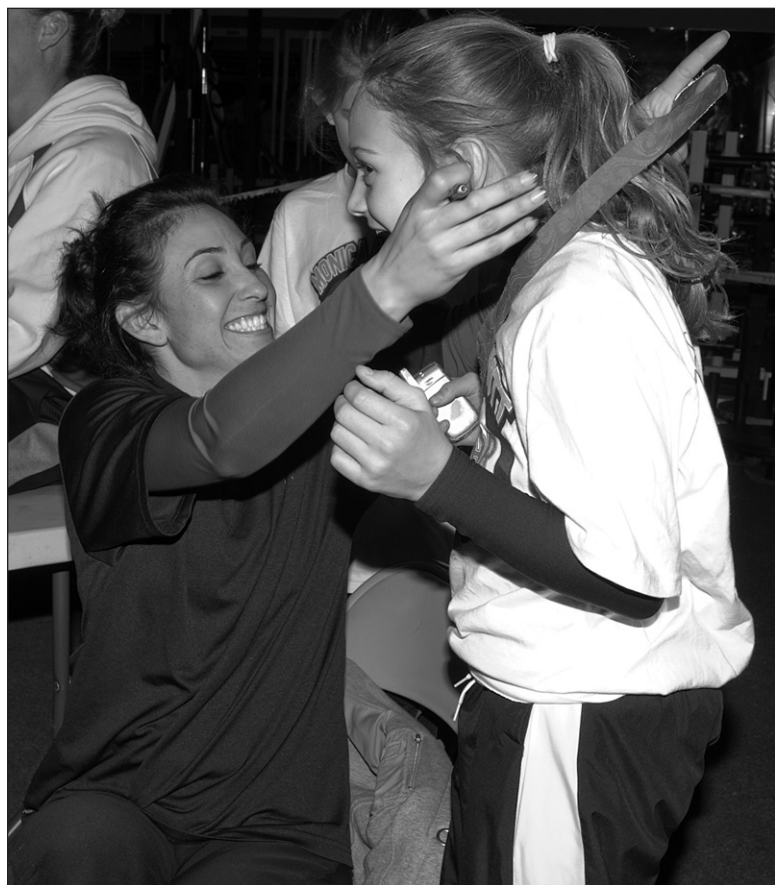
"Oh my gosh, I loved it, Shelby Smith, of Tishomingo, Okla., said at the conclusion of camp.

"I learned three new things."

Area coaches assisting the Olympians included Micah Noland, of Davis; Heath Gilbert, of Dickson; Chris Suddeth, of Lone Grove; and Marc Peters, of Ardmore.

Winter Softball Clinic is one of many of the sports, education and youth camps and clinics offered at no charge to Chickasaw students thanks to revenue from tribal businesses.

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Team USA member Vicky Galendo places her Olympic silver medal around the neck of Braxten Frazier, of Asher, Okla., during the Winter Softball Camp. Galendo was one of three U.S. Olympians on hand to coach the girls in the art of fast pitch softball.

Poet Laureate



Oklahoma State Poet Laureate Jim Barnes conducted a writing workshop and poetry reading at the McSwain Theatre in Ada last month. Barnes will be also presenting awards to the winners of the Chickasaw Nation Creative Writing Contest Saturday, March 27 at the annual Youth Arts Month Celebration hosted by Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities.

November and December 2009 Outstanding Achievement Award recipients

DaeJon Jordan

DaeJon, son of Michael and Alyson Jordan, of Ada, Okla., is a November 2009 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Academics.



DaeJon Jordan

DaeJon is in the fourth grade at Latta Elementary and was nominated by fourth grade teacher Ms. Carla Husband.

"DaeJon is a very motivated young man," said Ms. Husband. "After finishing his work, DaeJon can be found reading a library book and is very good at managing his class time."

DaeJon enjoys playing sports, bowling, making music, singing and playing games.

DaeJon's future goals include maintaining good grades and making new friends. He looks forward to being a fireman, owning his own business and having a nice family when he grows up.

Devin Lyon

Devin, daughter of Bryan and Leah Lyon, of Ada, Okla., is a November 2009 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Athletics and Academics.



Devin Lyon

Devin is a sophomore at Latta High School and was nominated by sophomore teacher Mr. Steve Stevens.

"Devin has an outgoing, inquisitive and engaging personality," said Mr. Stevens. "She is a fine inspiration and role model to her fellow students."

Devin is involved in DECA, student council, softball and the Chickasaw youth leadership program.

"I plan to attend the University of Oklahoma when I graduate high school and hopefully play softball for the sooners," said Devin.

Katie Miller

Katie, daughter of Steve and Carla Miller, of Ada, Okla., is a November 2009 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Academics.



Katie Miller

Katie is a freshman at Latta High School and was nominated by freshman Eng-

lish teacher Mr. Roy Deering.

"She is an outstanding and conscientious student," said Mr. Deering. "She is always smiling, friendly and courteous to others, making the day better for everyone."

Katie enjoys playing basketball and softball. She is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the president of her FCCLA chapter.

"My goal in life is to work hard and give 100 percent in everything I do," said Katie. "My future plans are to graduate and play college softball or basketball."

Lexi Sanchez

Lexi, daughter of Mario Sanchez and Crystal Teal, of Roff, Okla., is a November 2009 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Academics.



Lexi Sanchez

Lexi is in the eighth grade at Roff Junior High and was nominated by eighth grade English teacher Ms. Alicia Peak.

"Lexi is an excellent student and works hard to complete all assignments on time," said Ms. Peak. "She quietly helps others when they need a little extra help."

Lexi likes to go for walks, play basketball, listen to music and hang out with her friends.

"I want to be a masseuse and go to college," said Lexi. "My goal for this year is to get better in both basketball and math."

Nathan Tharp

Nathan, son of Keith and Lisa Tharp, of Fruitvale, Texas, is a November 2009 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Athletics.



Nathan Tharp

Nathan is in the fifth grade at Grace Christian School in Fruitvale, Texas, and was nominated by coach Charles Smith.

"I have had the great pleasure coaching Nathan Tharp," said Mr. Smith. "Nathan has been a great asset to our team, from his leadership and willingness to learn the game to showing others how to give 100 percent on the field."

Nathan is a straight A student that has earned his orange belt

in karate and also loves theatrical sword fighting.

"When I grow up, I want to play in the NFL," said Nathan Tharp.

Garrick Harrison

Garrick, son of Garry and Vickie, of Ada, Okla., is a December 2009 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Academics.



Garrick Harrison

Garrick is a junior at Latta High School and was nominated by coach and science teacher Jim Foster.

"Garrick works hard in science class and is very courteous to everyone," said Mr. Foster. "He is an asset to any class because of what he can contribute."

Garrick is active in the Pontotoc County Senior Division 4-H Skeet and Trap Shooters Team and enjoys hunting, fishing, NASCAR Racing, hanging out with friends and auto mechanics.

Garrick's future plans are to be an auto service technician and a paint and body repairman. He has the goals of working with a NASCAR team or being a professional hunter.



Shania Humphrey

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Shania, daughter of Chris and Stacie Humphrey, of Ada,

Okla., is a December 2009 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Academics.

Shania is in the eighth grade at Latta Junior High and was nominated by English instructor Roy Deering.

"Shania is a good student, a hard worker and is one of the most mature eighth grade students I have had the privilege of teaching," said Mr. Deering. "She is conscientious, thoughtful and courteous."

Shania likes playing basketball and softball. She enjoys hanging out with her friends and going to basketball and baseball games. Shania is also in the gifted and talented program.

"My future plans are to attend OU Medical School and become a doctor," said Shania.

Nevaeh Smith

Nevaeh, daughter of Malcolm Smith and Kara Berst, of Ada, Okla., is a December 2009 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Academics.



Nevaeh Smith

Nevaeh is in the second grade at Latta Elementary and was nominated by teacher Amy Mayhue.

"Nevaeh is always looking out for ways to help others and is willing to share what she has with any and every student,"

said Ms. Mayhue. "She is an all-around student that does well at all she touches."

Nevaeh is a straight A student and is a member of the Chickasaw Honor Club.

Nevaeh's hobbies include gymnastics, cheerleading, riding her bike, skating and playing with her friends and younger brother.

"I want to go to college to become a teacher," said Nevaeh.

Amber Wright

Amber, daughter of David Wright and Karen Carpenter, of Roff, Okla., is a December 2009 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Academics.



Amber Wright

Amber is a freshman at Roff High School and was nominated by business teacher Ms. Jana Stewart.

"Amber has been a pleasant addition to our student body," said Ms. Stewart. "She works hard and always has a pleasant attitude and smile."

Amber likes to play soccer, sing, dance, go to church, hang out with her friends and enjoy life.

"My future plans are to go to college and become a teacher," said Amber.

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All scholarship applications must be delivered or postmarked by the stated deadline date to be considered for funding.

The Chickasaw Foundation provides educational assistance for students who demonstrate excellence in academics, community service, dedication to Native America and a commitment to learning.

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- Two letters of recommendation from a high school official or instructor who is knowledgeable of your academic ability and character. Note: Applicants of the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound Leadership Scholarship require one letter from the Foundation's Upward Bound academic advisor that has been working with the student.
- High school and/or college transcript (depends on classification)
- Proof of enrollment for fall semester
- Typed essay describing long-term goals and plans to achieve them
- Copy of Chickasaw citizenship card or CDIB (depends on scholarship)
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- Copy of ACT/SAT scores
- Proof of any honors, awards or achievements, participation in any clubs, societies, etc.

Proof of income

Proof of acceptance to law school and law school transcript

Eligibility: Eligibility requirements differ with each scholarship.

Deadlines: Deadline to apply is June 1. Applicants will be notified by mid-July if they are selected to receive the scholarship.

You may contact our office at (580) 421-9030 or send an e-mail to ChickasawFoundation@chickasaw.net for any information regarding our scholarships or to be placed on our scholarship mailing list.

Foundation Metal Mayhem Scholarship Recipient

Ms. Lashun Oakley has been selected as the Chickasaw Foundation Metal Mayhem scholarship recipient.

Lashun is a 2009 graduate of Latta (OK) High School and currently attends Oklahoma State University. She is majoring in mechanical engineering and is a member of the OSU Foundation Board and Presidential Leadership Class.

Lashun was recently honored as the volunteer of the year for the state of Oklahoma First LEGO competition. She is a former member of the Chickasaw Nation Metal Mayhem 2352.

Lashun worked very hard to give back by volunteering in the FIRST programs this year. She is the photography coordinator for the state robotics program and volunteer referee at the State LEGO challenge.



Lashun Oakley

Mary K. Moreland & Daniel T. Jenks Scholarship Recipient

Congratulations to Ms. Kaitlyn Mayner who has been selected the recipient of the Mary K. Moreland & Daniel T. Jenks Scholarship. Kaitlyn attends Gardner-Webb University in Boiling Springs, N.C., where she is majoring in education.

Kaitlyn volunteers at a homeless shelter once a month to serve food to women and children. She also coaches a basketball team for youth at no charge and has helped organize a community event called "Team Impact" which arranged motivational assemblies for six public schools and three evening shows to the community.

Her dream is to teach. She wants to make a difference in the lives of children by being there for them and helping them to succeed in the world.



Kaitlyn Mayner

Chickasaw Foundation Student of the Month

Ms. Jaime Jones, a sophomore at Roff (OK) High School, was selected as the Chickasaw Foundation Student of the Month for December 2009.

Jaime's grade point average during her freshman year was 3.85. She participated on the academic team, and was a member of BETA and the Oklahoma Honor Society.

Jaime participates in community service activities with her church youth group. The group roofed a house for an elderly lady and repaired the roof of the fellowship hall at her church.

She also has participated in cleaning the gym at East Central University following an event.

Jaime stays active in Upward Bound by attending the many trips, workshops and summer sessions.



Jaime Jones

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound



Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound Students were recently honored for their contributions to the canned food drive. From left are Honor Hilton, Lucy Sanchez and Isis Hilton. Not pictured is Cheyenne Faulkenberry.

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound students sponsored a canned food drive as a community service project. At the Dec. 12 meeting in Davis, students delivered over 450 canned food items collected from their local schools and communities.

These items were donated to area food banks, families in need, and community service organizations within the Chickasaw Nation service area. Four Marietta High School students were recognized for their efforts in collecting the items.

Honor Hilton, Isis Hilton, Cheyenne Faulkenberry and Lucia Sanchez walked door-to-door to collect food items within Marietta. They were presented with award certificates for their contributions to the community service project.

Students also had the opportunity to hear Stephanie Scott, from the Chickasaw Nation History and Culture Division, who presented an exciting storytelling rendition of Chickasaw history and culture. Students also enjoyed a festive holiday dinner and exchanged gifts with one another during the meeting.

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and of "making contact with some distant cousin who had the data on all my genealogical dead-ends."

He came away disappointed but didn't realize until later that he was "looking at an innovation that was still in its infancy." In the intervening two years, he found that pertinent new material was being added frequently.

While this was helpful, Kerry thought he might speed up the process by creating and adding his own research source to the Internet so data could be shared mutually. He started posting information from Web sources but also records he had copied from repositories that he has visited.

He first visited the Chickasaw Council House Museum in Tishomingo about 1990, and met Glenda Galvan, then director of the tribal library and archives. "Kerry stayed for several hours collecting information on his family tree from our archives. Before he left, he asked if we minded if he periodically sent us items that could be added to our Chickasaw collection."

With Galvan's encouragement, Kerry brought in cemetery records and records for various prominent Chickasaw families, including Colbert, Burney, McLish, and Love. "His donations have amounted to a genealogical endowment, from which many Chickasaws have benefited," Galvan wrote in a 1995 tribute to him. She also noted that at the Chickasaw Nation's annual meeting, Governor Bill Anoatubby had presented Kerry with a plaque expressing the tribe's appreciation for his contributions.

The repository where Kerry obtained most of the records for his Website is the one in his own backyard, the National Archives' Southwest Regional Archives in Fort Worth. Stored there are most post-Removal Chickasaw records. If you type www.chickasawhistory.com into your browser and click enter, you will be greeted with Chokmah! and the Great Seal of the Chickasaw Nation (the Chickasaw Legislature granted Kerry permission to use it several years ago).

chickasawhistory.com

The first research section

contains selected Chickasaw Nation-United States correspondence from the 1790s to 1849. There are also tribal rolls and census information, entries in family Bibles, and copies of the most significant Chickasaw-U.S. treaties.

Other material includes a letter from Chief Edmund Pickens, the 1939 memoirs of Mary Chisholm Cook, and copies of Chickasaw land sales in Mississippi from 1836-37. Kerry also posted the 1840 observations of Malcolm McGee, who lived with and worked for the tribe from the 1760s through Removal.

He also included the descendants of James Logan Colbert, whose marriages with three Chickasaw women produced generations of Chickasaw chiefs and other leaders. He told me this part of his Website is intended to provide clues to persons interested in Colbert genealogy. "Some researchers are too willing to accept or adopt everything as gospel that they read somewhere or find on the Web."

A few years ago, Kerry says there was some misinformation circulating about Colberts liv-

ing in Alabama and Mississippi. People thought Colberts living in the states (of the former tribal homeland) had to be descendants of James Colbert. "We looked into it, and yes, there were Colberts living there, but they were not related to the Chickasaw Colberts. It was like saying every Armstrong in the world is my cousin."

Kerry hopes people realize that what the Colbert component of his Website contains are suggestions, not answers. "Researchers have to do their own work to sort out their family histories."

In the past, Kerry was available to help. After he retired as associate district attorney a few years ago, he sometimes spent

hours of research time to better prepare or direct some people who he believed were serious and would follow through with their research.

But now, and for the foreseeable future, sitting in front of the computer is too painful for Kerry. While he remains on "hiatus" for however long, he says he has "no intention of shutting it down for good." In fact, he recently paid the \$72 annual fee to keep his Website on the Internet. He says he loves helping fellow Chickasaws who are serious about tracing their Indian roots.

It's just that simple, Kerry says, and that challenging, satisfying, and fulfilling.

Brain Injury Awareness Walk/Run is March 27 in Victorville

The Brain Injury Awareness Walk/Run and Blood Drive is set for Saturday, March 27 in Victorville, Calif.

Registration is \$30 for adults and \$15 for kids age 12 and under. All registrants receive a commemorative t-shirt.

Check in begins at 8 a.m. in the West Beach parking lot, 13229 Spring Valley Lake Parkway in Victorville. The Walk/Run begins at 9:30 a.m.

The event is organized by Brainstorming 4 Us, Inc. The group's mission is to support people who have sustained brain injuries and to advocate for public policy that recognizes the challenges involved with brain injuries.

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Northern Louisiana Community Council

Eighteen Chickasaw citizens from the northern Louisiana area met at the Atrium Hotel & Conference Center on December 12, 2009. After introductions were made and family history shared, Mike Wingo from the Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing and Tribal Development presented information and answered questions about home improvement loans, handicap accessibility grants and storm shelters. Vickye Gordon from the Chickasaw Outreach program was on hand to make introductions and answer additional questions. Refreshments were provided by the Chickasaw Nation. The Northern Louisiana Chickasaw Citizens will meet again at 1p.m. on March 27, with Cody Reynolds from the Genealogy Department as the

speaker. All Chickasaws and their families are welcome to attend. For information about future meetings contact Vickye Gordon at 1-866-466-1481.

Johnston County Community Council

The Johnston County Chickasaw Community Council conducted its monthly December meeting at the community building in Tishomingo, Okla. A great time was had by all in attendance. Good food, visiting, and the annual fund raising auction was a success. Auctioneer in training Mr. Jerry Underwood did a fabulous job in selling our donated items. The board especially thanks Mary Nickel, Annette Tolbert, Pam Tolbert, Kim Otis and guest who donated items, prepared food, and attended the meeting. Hope all have a wonderful blessed New Year and see you At our next meeting February 15, 2010.

Letter to Editor:

To the Editor:
I am Patsy Howard. I am ¼ Chickasaw and granddaughter of original enrollee, Jane Gibson.
I want to express my appreciation to the Carl Albert hospital staff, especially Dr. Cooper and the nursing staff who cared for me. I have been in the hospital four different times and have been treated with the utmost care each time.
I am proud of our facilities and the staff who work there. As a Chickasaw, I am proud of my heritage and our tribe as a whole. They take care of us elders very well, while giving us dignity and pride.
I appreciate Gov. Anoatubby and the Division on Aging for all the programs that are in place for our families.
Thank you very much for letting me express my gratitude.
Patsy L. Howard

Letter to Editor:

To the Editor:
The family of Sam and Shereena Starr would like to thank, Jezula Jonka, Joyce Bourke, Susan Friant, Jeanette O'Flannagan, Alena Bailey, Nyokia Wave, Diana Holland, Nancy (CNM), Pat (CNM), Cinda (CNM), Dr. Smith, Ruth Kyle (Dietary), and Steve Sawney (Dietary) of the Carl Albert Indian Health Facility for going above and beyond the call of duty. Also, with a speical thank you to a close friend Summer Stick from the Chickasaw Nation.
Our daughter, Shelby had her first child a few weeks early due to complications December 23, 2009 at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. The baby (Shianne Alaine) was held over on the 24th for observation. Due to the weather we were not able to travel back to Oklahoma City the above mentioned people found out that we had a 10-, seven- and six-year-old who would not be opening

Christmas presents and with restaurants closing because of the winter storm.
They stepped in and became the spirit of Christmas. They brought the children games, coloring books, juices and snacks. They made arrangements for the kitchen to make guest trays for us all.
The kindness they showed and the exceptional care they gave to our daughter and granddaughter is something we will always remember and some day we will be able to pay it forward.
Carl Albert Indian Health Facility and the Chickasaw Nation can be proud to have employees like this representing them.
Respectfully,
Sam Starr
Shereena Starr

CHICKASAW COMMUNITY COUNCILS and EVENTS

For a complete listing of Chickasaw Nation camps, academies and other events visit www.chickasaw.net

OKLAHOMA ADA
Ada Red Heart Fair and Fashion Show with Luncheon
February 20, (580) 436-3980

Chipota Chikashshanompoli (Chickasaw language club for children ages three to 12)
February 27, (580) 272-5540

Youth Arts Month Celebration
March 27, (580) 272-5520

CONNERVILLE
Connerville Area Chickasaw Community Council
3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Tony Poe, (580) 421-4994

KINGSTON
Chickasaws of Texoma Community Council
4th Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
Ruth McAdoo, (580) 564-6803

Marshall County Chickasaw Community Council
2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Sarah Lea, (580) 564-4570

NEWCASTLE
Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council
2nd Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
Todd Griffith, (405) 615-1303

OKLAHOMA CITY
OKC Metro Chickasaw Community Council
1st Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Linda O'Hagan, (405) 350-3311

PURCELL
Purcell Chickasaw Community Council
4th Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.
John Hobbs, (405) 922-3926

TISHOMINGO
Johnston County Chickasaw Community Council
3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Ann Fink, (580) 371-3351

Elders Valentines Sweetheart Banquet
February 12, (580) 795-7355

ARIZONA
Chickasaws of Arizona
Quarterly Meetings
Angie Ott, (480) 834-7309

CALIFORNIA
Inland Empire/Desert Cities Chickasaw Community Council
Chickasaw Outreach 866-466-1481

Sacramento Chickasaw Citizen Connection
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COLORADO
Chickasaw Community Council of Colorado
Quarterly Meetings
Stephen Bingham, (303) 377-4637

CONNECTICUT
New England Chickasaw Citizens
Chickasaw Outreach 866-466-1481

KANSAS
Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita
3rd Sunday at 3:00 p.m.
Lynn Stumblingbear, (316) 945-9219 or Pam Harjo, (316) 393-0696

LOUISIANA
Northern Louisiana Chickasaw Citizens
Chickasaw Outreach 866-466-1481

NEW MEXICO
New Mexico Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly Meetings
Vadare Cornelison, (505) 332-1776

OREGON/WASHINGTON
Pacific Northwest Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly meetings
Kim Factor, 503-819-3097 or Rena Smith, 503-543-7401

TEXAS
Chickasaw Community Council of South Texas
San Antonio, TX Area
Michele Moody, (210) 492-2288

Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas
Austin, Texas Area
2nd Sunday at 1:30 p.m.
Gene Thompson, (512) 258-7919

North Texas Chickasaw Community Council
Dallas/Fort Worth Area, TX
3rd Saturday at 2:00 p.m.
John C. Atkins, (972) 271-0692

Lt. Gov. Keel begins presidency of National Congress of American Indians



LT. GOV. JEFFERSON KEEL

OKLAHOMA CITY - Chickasaw Nation Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel was recently honored in Oklahoma City by the Board of Commissioners of the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission.

Lt. Gov. Keel was recently elected to a two-year term as president of the National Congress of American Indians. The commissioners hosted the reception for Lt. Gov. Keel to honor his achievement and show support for his mission as NCAI president.

The commissioners presented a letter of commendation to Lt. Gov. Keel. The commendation stated, in part, that Lt. Gov. Keel "has brought honor to the Great State of Oklahoma and Oklahoma's sovereign nations."

On behalf of the State of Oklahoma, State Sen. Susan Paddock and State Reps. Lisa

Johnson Billy, Paul Roan, Wes Hilliard and Todd Thomsen presented a citation of congratulations honoring Lt. Gov. Keel's election and service.

Many tribal leaders, including Gov. Bill Anoatubby, attended the event, as well as elected and appointed officials from across the state.

"It's a great honor to have the support of these tremendous leaders and I look forward to meeting the challenges and making a positive difference on behalf of the people of Indian Country," Lt. Gov. Keel said.

The progress that has occurred in the Chickasaw Nation, Lt. Gov. Keel said, provides a great foundation for advocating progress throughout Indian Country.

"The things we have accomplished within our own tribe give me much hope that we will see great progress among all tribes and peoples," Lt. Gov. Keel said. "We are fortunate to have an insightful, caring and active leader in Gov. Bill Anoatubby, and I have had the good fortune of working together with the Governor and participating in the nuts and bolts of real change."

Lt. Gov. Keel set out the basic points of his plan for Indian Country during a speech Jan. 29 at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. He called for restoration of the tribal land base; improved law enforcement; tax and finance equality; investment in Indian children;

effective distribution of funds to tribal governments; improvement of tribal infrastructure; and a legislative solution to *Carcieri v. Salazar*, the 2009 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that limits the U.S. Secretary of Interior's ability to take land into trust for tribes.

"We need to be active and effective in achieving these things for Indian people," Lt. Gov. Keel said. "Creating jobs, expanding health care, improving education and reducing crime will pay huge dividends for Indian Country."

During the November meeting of tribal leaders in Washington, D.C., Lt. Gov. Keel introduced President Obama and later had the opportunity to talk with the president personally.

"I believe we have entered a



Chickasaw Nation Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel is flanked by Gov. Bill Anoatubby, right, and Choctaw Nation Chief Greg Pyle. The Lieutenant Governor was honored with a January reception by the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission, tribal leaders and state legislators. Lt. Gov. Keel has recently been elected to a two-year term as president of the National Congress of American Indians.

time when our concerns will be heard," Lt. Gov. Keel said. "I think there is reason to have

hope and to believe we will secure some great improvements for Indian people."

Cooperative education grants open to Indian students

National Center for Cooperative Education (NCCE) has announced cooperative education opportunities for American Indians and Alaska Natives.

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Were your answers all "YES"? If so, a cooperative education position may be the right choice for you.

For more information, download the NCCE application form at <http://www.itcnet.org/includes/downloads/ncce.pdf>. The application deadline is March 5, 2010.

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Diabetes campers host reunion, discuss how to incorporate nutrition, exercise - and change

The Chickasaw Nation Diabetes Care Center conducted a Diabetes Camp Reunion January 15 in Ada.

The reunion provided a time of fellowship and continuing education and support for past attendees of the annual diabetes camp.

Participants took part in education and wellness seminars related to nutrition, exercise,

dental care, mental health, eye care, foot care and stages of change.

For questions about this event or the annual Diabetes Camp, contact Shon McCage at the Chickasaw Nation Diabetes Care Center (800) 851-9136 ext. 82252 or (580) 421-4532.

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Shon McCage facilitates a group discussion during the Diabetes Camp Reunion.



Participants listen to guest speakers during the Diabetes Camp Reunion.

The Chickasaw Nation Get Fresh! Program Announces Classes

Ada Nutrition Services, 518 E. Arlington

February 9: 10 a.m. and noon

February 11: 10 a.m. and noon

For more information, call (580) 272-5506.

Ada Family Life/Wellness Center, 229 W. Seabrook

February 10: 10 a.m. and noon

February 11: 6 p.m.

For more information, call (580) 272-5506.

Ardmore Nutrition Services, 2350 Chickasaw Blvd.

February 9: 10 a.m. and noon

February 10: 10 a.m. and noon

For more information, call (580) 226-8289.

Purcell Nutrition Services, 1530 Hardcastle Blvd.

February 9: 10 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.

February 11: 10 a.m. and noon

For more information, call (405) 527-6967.

These exciting cooking shows are free and open to the public and demonstrate healthy cooking for the entire family! Leave with recipes, nutrition education and new ideas to cook healthier every day! Classes offered on each day feature the same recipes during the times of availability.

'Go Red for Women' healthy hearts set for Feb. 20

In an effort to raise awareness about the affects of heart disease in women, the Chickasaw Nation Division of Health and Valley View Regional Hospital will co-host the "Go Red for Women" Ada Heart Fair, Fashion Show and Luncheon from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, February 20, 2010 at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center,

700 N. Mississippi in Ada.

Guest speakers will include Dr. Darius Noble of Valley View Regional Hospital and Dr. Timothy Medcalf of Oklahoma Cardiovascular Associates.

Participants will receive educational materials regarding women and heart disease. In addition, free give away items

will also be available.

Those who are interested in reducing their risk for developing heart disease should plan to attend this special event.

For more information, please contact Barbara Quinlan at (580) 421-4533.

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Elder case manager ready to help you

Are you a Chickasaw Elder age 60 or older? Do you live within the tribal boundaries?

If so, call Lori Dodson, Elder Case Manager at 800-851-9136 ext. 80110 for personalized assistance navigating the Health System.

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- Nurse Practitioner or Physician Assistant, Ardmore

For details on any of the professional positions listed above, please contact:

Ronnie Shaw, Professional Recruiter

Chickasaw Nation Health System

(580) 272-7272 ronnie.shaw@chickasaw.net

Beth Campbell, Staff Recruiter

Chickasaw Nation Health System

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Located in the main lobby of Carl Albert Indian Health Facility, the Chickasaw Health Information Center (CHIC) is a free online health information center for patients, family members and staff. The center is equipped with computers and one kiosk with Internet access to the National Library of Medicine (NLM) databases. The goal of CHIC is to assist patients in making informed health choices, and to encourage patients to actively participate in their health care. The NLM website has information on medical diagnosis, medications, prevention, the latest medical research and published medical articles. Also included is information on the "Speak Up" Program which



is a national campaign to encourage patients to be informed and take an active role in communicating with their health care team.

Visit www.chicresources.net

Stanley Smith, Chickasaw Speaker

BY RICHARD GREEN | CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Oral History

Interviews and editing by Richard Green

Homestead

"I was born out in the country near Allen [OK] and was raised by my grandparents [Esau and Viney Seeley Smith] in a two-room log house. My parents [Kuton and Leona Shields Smith] had nine children after me. They were all born in the Talihina Indian Hospital, I think, but they came to live with us in that log house, which had a big room for sleeping and a kitchen. I said, the family got a lot bigger, but our house stayed the same. (*Stan laughs.*)

That house was on the 80-acre allotment of my other [maternal] grandparents Eddie and Ethel Johnson. They lived about a quarter mile away in a four-room house also on the allotment with my parents and my aunt and uncle who came to have 10 children of their own. Are you keeping all of this straight? (*Stan laughs again.*) So before all was said and done, there were about 20 cousins living in those two houses on Grandpa Eddie's allotment.

It wasn't unusual back then for two or three families to be living together. And it wasn't unusual for Chickasaw kids like me to be raised by their grandparents, not their parents. Sometimes it was in keeping with Chickasaw tradition, sometimes not. Maybe because I was the first grandchild, I was especially close to Grandpa and Grandma [Smith].

I guess you could say they were strict about the things that mattered, but they had their reasons, and they would explain these things to us. Grandpa, especially, had a way of talking to us children and counseling us that a lot of adults don't.

I don't recall him and Grandma telling us what you'd call Chickasaw stories, but they did tell us about the Trail of Tears, and how badly the Indians got mistreated. Like being forced to leave their homes and the government selling them spoiled meat. 'Either get poisoned or go hungry.' Man, I hear somebody talking about it today, it still gets me mad.

School: Mission Impossible

Until I went to first grade in about 1951, we spoke only Chickasaw. That first school was at Citra, about a mile away [seven to eight miles southeast of Allen]. At that time, there were no buses, so we walked. It was a one-room school, grades 1 to 6, about 50 students, total. I'd say 45 were Chickasaw and most of them like me spoke only our language. The teacher was white and spoke no Chickasaw. We had a few white classmates.

So you can see that going to school was a new world, man. Teacher up at the head of the class mumbling something, then he stops and looks around, meaning he must've asked a question. Most of us are related and we're just looking at each other, smiling, hoping we wouldn't get called on. It was the weirdest thing! At first, we had no idea what he was saying, and we couldn't speak English. When we'd get home, folks would ask us, what did you learn today? We'd just start laughing.

At the end of three years at Citra, I could understand some English though I still couldn't speak it hardly at all. But I said, that teacher didn't drill us much in English. And I believe this is the reason: You hear people say Indians are dumb, even today some still say it. Well, I think that's what he believed, so why bother?

My next school was in Gerty [OK] and almost all of the students were white, and the teacher was a

mean-tempered woman we called the 'battle axe.' I remember her yelling and screaming at me for making mistakes in English. Sometimes I'd confuse yes and no, and she'd throw a chalkboard eraser at me. (*Stan smiles broadly, leaving the impression that some of his "confusion" might have been deliberate.*)

She would send me to the principal. Instead of beating me, he'd talk to me and I guess he was trying to help. I think he was part Indian and maybe could understand what I was going through, not knowing English so well. The other students understood that too, and they helped me with the language as much or more than the "battle axe." At Gerty, I found I could make friends with just about anybody.

Work

Dad farmed about 20 acres, which produced a small income, but he also did whatever work he could find. In the fall, we'd all head out to western Oklahoma to pick cotton for about a month. All day, every day. The owner (of the land) had an old house near the cotton patch and we'd bunk there with other families 'til we had finished the work. We also gathered pecans and sold them, and worked on larger farms when they were hiring. It [our livelihood] was always hand-to-mouth.

I did chores every day before school and afterwards. One of my jobs was cutting wood for heat and for cooking. About 30 percent of the allotment was woods. The rest was pasture and farm land.

By the time I was 12, Grandpa gave me a .22 [caliber rifle] that I'd use to shoot rabbits and squirrels when we needed to put meat on our table. I tell my grandkids (*six of them*), I said, we didn't have running water in that log house. Our 'running' water came from a pond that we built down in a draw to catch rainwater. We'd haul water back for drinking and washing. We'd bathe in the pond, too.

That seasonal work got me exposed, so to speak, to the wider world in Ada and Oklahoma where Chickasaw was not spoken. But I was still young and protected by the family. I was also exposed to some things, though, that I haven't forgotten. My Grandpa used to like to eat at this one cafe on Main Street in Ada. We'd walk in and go by a curtain that separated the whites from where the Indian and blacks were served. It didn't bother me at the time, but when I was older, I asked Grandpa about it. He said it [segregation] is not just in Ada. It's everywhere.

Owls and Indian Doctors

I guess you could say that Grandma and Grandpa were our role models, mainly by what they did and how they lived. They took us to Johnson Chapel every Sunday, all day, and we'd listen to scripture in Chickasaw and sing Choctaw hymns. They were Christian people who lived by the Golden Rule. But they also believed in bad omens, like *kitini* [owls]. Creeks and Seminoles called 'em '*shtiki-ini*.' We believed some bad people could turn into *kitini*. All Indian people were afraid of owls. If we'd be going somewhere, and see one perched in a tree, you had to stop right there and wait for that owl to fly away.

One time we saw *kitini* sitting on one of our fence posts near the house. Grandma and Grandpa got an Indian doctor to come to the house. He told them he could fix it [the threat]. First, he stuck a feather over our front door, which would warn us when *kitini* would come around. He said to shoot it, but to first put this dime in your mouth. Well, sure enough, that feather went to fluttering one summer night and then



Stanley Smith

we heard an owl whistling from what sounded like a long way off. But when we looked out front, it was sitting on the gatepost.

My cousin, who had a .12-gauge, put the dime in his mouth and *blam!* fired away. He hit it, but it managed to fly a little bit. We saw it go down by the garden. We got flashlights and went looking for it, but there was no sign. A day or two later, this old lady died, and I wondered if the two things were related. I know that *kitini* never came back.

Only Indian doctors with special powers would know for sure. Bicey Walker [who lived at Kullihoma] had God-given power. Everybody knew about her. She cured a lot of very sick people. It was said she could get blood clots out of your system. And I remember hearing that women with stomach problems and female problems would go to her. Bicey didn't make house calls, I remember that. We [siblings and cousins] were pretty healthy, and most of our illnesses were treated by Grandma.

Once, though, my cousin Ruth Smith had a seizure. It was scary, man, watching her. My Grandma collected some roots, boiled them, and gave the tea to her. She never had another seizure.

I didn't know what roots she had used and years later I wished I did. After Mary Frazier and I got married, our second daughter, Briana, had a seizure when she was one-year-old. She had a seizure, then another, and another. The doctors in Ada and Oklahoma City put her on medication, but she still had seizures. I went to my aunt Flora Perry and asked her, what were those roots Grandma used that time? She didn't know nor did any of the other elders. After many years, Briana's seizures just stopped, and the doctors didn't know why. Just like they didn't know why they started.

Sequoyah

After Gerty, I went to school in Allen for three years and didn't much like it. I couldn't see any reason to be there except for having fun with my friends. I knew English better but was more comfortable using

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my own language. I told Grandma, ‘I’m gonna’ quit school.’ She said, ‘No, you’re not. Over my dead body!’ (*Or words to that effect.*) ‘You’ve got to learn English and use it’. She used to say, ‘you’re gonna’ be in a different world—a white man’s world.’

I didn’t really understand that, though, until (*ironically*) I went to an Indian school. My grandparents had very little income, and they wanted what was best for me. So, they asked me if I’d like to go to an Indian boarding school. I said I would not like that. But a social worker came around and made the arrangements for me to go to Sequoyah in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. I hated going, but within two weeks, I stopped thinking about running away and was glad I was there. I stayed three years and graduated in 1965.

You learn a lot at Sequoyah, but more than just school subjects and even vocations, you learn to stand on your own two feet. I learned English well enough that I was thinking most of the time in English. For the first time, I wasn’t speaking Chickasaw every day. I spoke it periodically with Dwayne McClure of Ada and with Choctaws who spoke Choctaw. There were several different words—they’d say ‘*halito*’ and I’d say ‘*chokma*’ [hello]—but we understood one another because like the story goes, we used to be the same people.

Two weeks before graduation, about seven of us had to go to Oklahoma City for Army physicals. A bunch were drafted right after graduation and wound up in Vietnam. Some of them didn’t come back alive. A cousin of mine came back from Vietnam in 1965 and he told everybody it was really bad. I don’t know why I wasn’t drafted after graduation, but my grandparents think it was because their prayers were answered.

1968

Grandpa [Esau Smith] had gotten sick in 1961 and

had to have an operation. To pay for it, he had to sell his allotment near Chickasha [OK]. He was never the same again; he was in pain most of the time. It got so he couldn’t lie down. In cold months, he’d sit over by the wood stove, and I used to lay my pallet down by him so when he’d wake up saying he was cold, I could add some wood to the fire. Then, he’d fall back to sleep. (*Stan tears up and is silent for a minute.*) He went on that way until he died in 1968.

(*Where were your parents? I asked.*) They lived in Allen at that time. I’d visit them from time to time. Once, I told ‘em, I don’t know why you gave me up, but that’s no problem. I still love you all. (*Stan again falls silent for a few moments, then clears his throat.*)

One more thing I remember about Grandpa Smith’s land. From the way people talked, you couldn’t have raised billy goats on that land allotment he sold to pay for his operation. But right after that, the new owner, the state, I think, drilled and discovered a big supply of natural gas.

Right after Grandpa died, I got drafted. I went to boot camp at Fort Polk, Louisiana, and it was said that 95 percent who made it through in 1968 were shipped out to Vietnam. I figured I was going for sure. My thinking was, if I ever had kids and grandkids, maybe they wouldn’t have to go fight wars. Instead, I was ordered to West Germany, where I spent two years working on Army trucks. My buddies and I bought a Volkswagen and on weekends, we liked to drive to small towns, some as small as Asher [north of Ada]. I didn’t speak Chickasaw for two years.”

Postscript

When Stan returned home, he and Mary Frazier were married in 1970 and had three children, Shannon (Parnacher), Briana, and Chad. With the GI Bill, Stan completed 80-plus hours at East Central University,

worked for different Ada companies, and for 14 years, worked in the maintenance department at the Carl Albert Indian Hospital. An unofficial duty there was serving as a translator between elderly Chickasaw-speaking patients and the staff.

During those years, many of those elderly Chickasaw speakers died, and in virtually every case, Stan noticed, their children did not speak Chickasaw. He didn’t raise his own children to speak the language, which he calls a big regret. He says there were excuses that everybody offered: nobody was teaching their children the language back then; people wanted to save their children from problems learning English; knowing Chickasaw wouldn’t get you a good job. In retrospect, he says none of them seems to hold any water today.

Stan thinks he knows every living fluent Chickasaw speaker. He told me there are about 75, but he estimates only about 45 speak the language every day. Since December 2005, Stan has had the opportunity to help revitalize the language by working for the Nation as a staff member in the language program. Recently, the program was upgraded to the Language Department, directed by Joshua Hinson.

As readers of the Times learned last July and August in a series on language revitalization, Stan, among other duties, tutored Hinson twice daily in the master-apprentice program. He believes former apprentices Hinson and Chickasaw legislator Scott Colbert have made great progress speaking Chickasaw, and that they could be a bridge in the future to a new generation of speakers—children who would learn Chickasaw in an immersion school. Stan smiles and says, “I really hope to see it happen.”



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LEGISLATIVE MINUTES

**CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
David Stout Building
Ada, Oklahoma
December 18, 2009**

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER
Chairperson Holly Easterling called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL
Members present: Connie Barker, Holly Easterling, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Members absent: Beth Alexander, Scott Colbert, David Woerz

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel, Marilyn Coltz, Administrative Assistant

Guests present: Wilma Pauline Stout Watson, Mike Watson, Vicky Gold, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Ashley Large

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - November 20, 2009

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Green to approve the minutes of November 20, 2009.

Members voting yes: Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

10 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of November 20, 2009, carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee

Chair Steve Woods

No report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee
Chair Linda Briggs

No report.

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee
Chair Dean McManus

General Resolution Number 27-009, Gubernatorial Reappointment to the Board of Commissioners Of the Housing Authority of the Chickasaw Nation, Carla Miller

Ms. Carla Miller has been a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Chickasaw Housing Authority since July 11, 1996. This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Ms. Carla Miller to the Board of Commissioners to fill a term of office beginning on January 23, 2010, and ending on January 23, 2013.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR27-009.

Members voting yes: Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

10 yes votes

The motion to approve GR27-009 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 27-010, Gubernatorial Reappointment to the Board of Commissioners Of the Housing Authority of the Chickasaw Nation, Bill Johnson

Mr. Bill Johnson has been a member of the Board

of Commissioners of the Chickasaw Housing Authority since August 11, 1999. This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. Bill Johnson to the Board of Commissioners to fill a term of office beginning on January 23, 2010, and ending on January 23, 2013.

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve GR27-010.

Members voting yes: Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

10 yes votes

The motion to approve GR27-010 carried unanimously.

Ms. McManus concluded her report.

LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair David Woerz

Mr. Woods gave the Land Development Committee Report in the absence of Mr. Woerz.

General Resolution Number 27-011, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Love County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to perform in-kind construction services, to include but not limited to site utilities, road completion, and property line clearing and cleanup, in order to acquire and in exchange for real property, located in Love County, Oklahoma containing 3.25 acres more or less together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous. The property is located near or adjacent to Exit 1 Thackerville, Oklahoma, River Ridge Development, to be utilized for storm water infrastructure development needed to support the WinStar World Resort.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Elliott to approve GR27-011.

Members voting yes: Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

10 yes votes

The motion to approve GR27-011 carried unanimously.

Mr. Woods concluded his report.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee
Chair Mary Jo Green

No report.

HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee
Chair Connie Barker

No report.

HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Scott Colbert

No report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Mr. Woods reported the Election Rules and Regulations Ad Hoc Committee met and there would be no amendments made to the election rules this year. Ms. Green wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Chairperson Easterling announced the elders' Christmas luncheon and the various elder's Christmas parties scheduled for next Monday and Tuesday.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

JANUARY 2009 RESOLUTIONS

General Resolution Number 27-012

Natural Gas Pipeline Easement in Pittsburg County

Explanation: This resolution authorizes and approves a natural gas pipeline easement to be granted to XTO Energy for the purpose of laying an underground natural gas pipeline. This easement would be located across land jointly owned by the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations, known as the McAlester Watershed, located in Pittsburg County, Oklahoma. At this time, the land is wooded with no improvements. This easement would be for a term of twenty (20) years, and would cover 3564.01 feet or 216 rods. In exchange for the easement, XTO Energy has agreed to pay \$85.00 per rod, for a total payment of

\$18,360.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation would receive \$4590.00. This easement will only allow XTO Energy to install an underground pipeline; there will be no above ground appurtenances. This easement was approved by the Choctaw Nation Tribal Council on September 12, 2009.

Property Location: McAlester Watershed Pittsburg County, Oklahoma

Use: Easement to XTO Energy

Presented by: Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Land Development Committee

January 11, 2010

Present: David Woerz, Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Mary Jo Green, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

Committee of the Whole Meeting

January 11, 2010

Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

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Russell Calvin Brown, Jr.



Russell Calvin Brown, Jr., died Jan. 6, 2010. Services were Jan. 9, 2010 at Downing & Lاهی Mortuary West.

Mr. Brown was born Dec. 1, 1943 to Bessie Young (Linton) and Russell Calvin Brown at Oklahoma City.

He moved to Kansas in 1961 from Oklahoma City.

He graduated from Coffeyville (KS) Junior College and Wichita State University. Mr. Brown was a retired truck driver and retired driving instructor from Wichita Area Technical College.

He was a member of the Mid-American All-Indian Center, an All-American and was in the National Junior College Football Hall of Fame at Coffeyville.

He enjoyed being outdoors, loved his family and especially loved and enjoyed his grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother; and a sister.

He is survived by a son, Trey Brown and wife, Tania, of Wichita; a daughter, Shauna Feather, of Wichita; four grandchildren, Nathan Russell, Clayton Russell, Mallory and Kaylee; a sister, Koleeta Kirkham, of Newcastle, Okla.; and other relatives and friends.

Robert Lee Harris, Jr.

Robert Lee Harris, Jr., 77, died Oct. 21, 2009 after a long illness. He was born June 27, 1932 to Robert Lee Harris, Sr., and Alla B Wagon at Stratford, Okla.

A descendent of Jesse Chisholm of Chisholm Trail fame, and grandson of original enrollee Kate Lee Harris, he was

very proud of his Chickasaw, Cherokee, Creek and Choctaw heritage.

Mr. Harris was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of the Korean War. He retired from the Los Angeles County Office of Education and moved to Twenty-Nine Palms, Calif., where he lived for the past several years. He was involved in activities with the U.S. Marine Corps base, development of ordinance to control ORV activities to protect the environment and private properties of citizens. His latest project was the Sun Circle for Sky's the Limit observatory being developed near Joshua Tree National Park.

He was heavily involved in Chickasaw West for many years. He was an accomplished sculptor, a teacher, history buff, and student of the Mayan Culture. He spent years of studying genealogy, tracing family ties to the Colbert, Johnson, McLish and Frazier families of the Chickasaw tribe, Chisholm and Rogers family of the Cherokee, the McIntosh family of the Creeks and Snedecore and Wagnon families of Holland.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a son, Kevin Grey Harris.

He is survived by his wife, Pamela, of New York; a daughter, Noelle Harris, of Long Beach, Calif.; sisters, Wanda Jo Russell, of Del City, Okla., and Jean Okamura, of Joshua Tree, Calif.; a nephew, David McGrath, of Squaw Valley, Calif.; and a niece, Earlene Raines, of Midwest City, Okla.

Mr. Harris was cremated and his ashes will be interred at the Chisholm Cemetery in Oklahoma along with his mother and father in the near future.

He is greatly missed but in a better place on his spiritual journey back to the stars from which he came.

Catherine Roller

Catherine Roller, of Elmore City, Okla., died Jan. 10, 2010 at Pauls Valley, Okla., at the age of 90. Funeral services were Jan. 13, 2010 at the Elmore City First Baptist Church with Dr. Bruce McCray officiating. Interment followed in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Pauls Valley.

Mrs. Roller was born Sept. 24, 1919 to Charlie and Emily (Loomer) Blackwood at Elmore City.

She attended school at Carter Seminary in Ardmore, Okla., and Chilocco School near Kansas.

She married Henry Roller Dec. 31, 1941 at Lindsay, Okla. Together they made their home in Elmore City.

Mrs. Roller worked as a mental health care worker at the Pauls Valley State School and Griffin Memorial. In her spare time, she enjoyed gardening, quilting and Indian crafts. She was a member of the Eastern Star, Garvin County Home Extension and the Elmore City First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry Roller; a daughter, Sheila Ann Roller; brothers, Bill Blackwood and Kenny Blackwood; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She is survived by three sons, Jerry Roller and Clinton Roller, both of Elmore City, and Randy Roller, of Norman, Okla.; two daughters, Phyllis Roller, of Clearwater, Fla., and Beverley Rankin, of Elmore City; a sister, Ethel Brooksher; seven grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Condolences can be sent to www.woosterfuneralhomes.com

Raymond D. Milligan



Boise City, Okla. Together they raised five children, Sandra (Kay), Karen, David, John and Mark until her death in 1959.

He married Minnie Alden Pearson and they were married until her death in 1997.

He is survived by his sisters, Ruby McKinney, of Ada, Geneva Ducote, of Madill, Okla.; a brother, Jack Milligan and wife Merle, of Carmichael, Calif.; his children, Sandra (Kay) Arnold, of Moore, Okla., Karen Ryland and husband Wallace, of Plano, Texas, David Milligan and wife Mary, of Oklahoma City, John Milligan and wife Karen, of Oklahoma City, and Mark Milligan and wife Cherie, of Ada; his precious dog, Zack; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

A brave Chickasaw warrior took his journey. The gates have opened for him to enter. No more pain, no more dialysis treatments, no more doctors, no more hospitals. Now he can stretch his legs and run again, be free. Meet the loved ones that have gone on their journey before him.

Raymond D. Milligan died Jan. 2, 2010. Services were Jan. 5, 2010 at Memorial Park Chapel, Oklahoma City. Interment followed in Memorial Park Cemetery.

He was born July 20, 1921 to Richmon and Caroline Milligan at Ada, Okla.

Mr. Milligan joined the U.S. Army and fought bravely in World War II with the 10th Armored Division in the Battle of the Bulge. He received the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. Upon his return from service he married Ruth Margo, of

2009-2010 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.		
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Sandra Lorraine Pipins Noblitt



Sandra Lorraine Pipins Noblitt died Dec. 3, 2009. She was born March 29, 1944 to Joseph M. Pipins and Mary Jane Liddell Pipins at Parker Dam, Calif.

She was the granddaughter of Mini Keel Liddell, an original Chickasaw enrollee.

She attended elementary school at Parker Dam Elementary School and Parker High School where she was bused. After graduation she studied to be a bookkeeper and secretary in San Bernardino, Calif.

She was a cheerleader and involved in many school activities. She forged some lasting friendships she kept throughout her life. She was a familiar face at the old Parker Ice Co., Patrick's Standard Oile Co., Hadis Shell Oil Co., and for 20-plus years at Don O. Hoffman Construction Co.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by three brothers, Joe Pipins, Marvin Pipins and Donlad Pipins; husband, Jack D. Noblitt; a daughter, Deena Ingram; stepson, Fred Noblitt; and grandchildren, Dandi Reaser, Laura Reaser, Joe Ingram and Todd Ingram.

She will be greatly missed by all those who knew her throughout her too short lifetime.

In lieu of flowers please send donations in her name to the New Hope Hospice who along with the staff of the Parker Indian Health Services and the Parker Funeral Home helped make her passing bearable.

Mary Jeannette Reed



Mary Jeannette Reed died January 17, 2010. Services were Jan. 22, 2010 at Memorial Park Cemetery Chapel.

She was born Jan. 8, 1920 to Mattie Lee and Lymond Sealy. Mrs. Reed just celebrated her 90th birthday with family and friends.

She grew up in Tulsa with her brother, Lymond L. Sealy or "Son" and attended Central High School where she graduated in 1937.

She married James Reed, a Tulsa real estate developer and one of the original founders of F&M Bank in Tulsa. They were ardent supporters of the Tulsa community and she served on the board of the Visiting Nurse Association for many years. She also enjoyed playing bridge and traveling. She was a proud citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

She was the granddaughter of Dave Sealy, a leader in the last Chickasaw Senate before Oklahoma statehood.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her brother; and a nephew, Richard Henry Sealy.

She is survived by two nieces, Linda Sealy, of Nashville, and Karen DeMoss, of Scottsdale, Ariz.; three grandnephews, Bruce Sealy and Scott Sealy of Oklahoma City and Matthew Chalkley; and grandnieces, Emily Jeannette Chalkley, Mary Chalkley, Amber DeMoss and Kristen Deering; a great-nephew Eston Sealy; and a great-niece Emily Sealy.

Contributions can be made to Northeast Active Timers (NEATS), 3119 S. Jamestown Ave., Tulsa, OK 74135.

Dorothy Neal Snead

Dorothy Neal Snead, of Roswell, N.M., died Nov. 10, 2009 at Eastern New Mexico Medical Center. Services were Nov. 12, 2009 with Dr. Hugh Burroughs of First Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial followed in South Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Snead was born August 9, 1925 at Sherman, Texas to Harvey LeVan Williams and Mildred Leecraft.

At the age of 16 she graduated from high school in Durant, Okla., as valedictorian. She graduated from Southeastern Oklahoma State Teachers College three years later with a straight A, and a bachelor of arts in music degree.

She met and married World War II pilot 1st Lt. Edward Paul Snead, Jr., in 1945.

They both attended the University of Oklahoma where she received her master's in vocal performance and served as DJ at the Oklahoma University radio station for the Opera Hour.

Following her lawyer husband to Roswell in 1949, she taught choir and English at North Junior High School until staying at home to be a full-time mother.

She was a 60-year member of PEO, the DAR, (Capt. Henry A. Neal, N.C.), an elder at First Presbyterian Church, played in the Kaler Handbell Choir at First United Methodist Church for 39 years, and sang in many community chorus productions. She was honored by the Chickasaw Nation at the age of 80 as a respected elder. She was a member of the 1941 Book Club and Olivet Study Club.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her son, Edward Paul Snead, III and family, of Buena Vista, Colo.; her two daughters, Laura Jane Waters, and husband, John, of Mt. Home, Ark., and Susan Zimmer-Allen, and husband, John, of Salisbury, Md.; two adopted children, Mary Torres and Pardner Wynn; and a grandson, Daniel Zimmer, a law student at Rutgers University.

Pallbearers were Mark Daniels, Dan Moats, Steve Wolfe, Bill Cooper, Rod Schumacher and Jim Bozarth. Honorary bearers were members of the Chaves County Bar Association, PEO Sisterhood, Kaler Handbell Choir and 1941 Book Club.

Jimmy Douglas Telford

Jimmy Douglas (Red) Telford, 69, died Dec. 27, 2010 at Chickasha, Okla. A memorial service was Dec. 30, 2010 at the Oklahoma City West Livestock Auction in El Reno, Okla.

He was born July 17, 1940 to Richmond George Telford and Patsy Jewel (Young) Telford at Berwin (Gene Autry), Okla.

Mr. Telford attended college at Oklahoma State University at Stillwater. He served in the U.S. Army Reserve until honorably discharged in 1969.

He was a member of the International Rodeo Association for many years and rode bareback horses and bulls. He broke colts for many others.

He most recently was employed by Swift & Henry Livestock Commission at OKC West Livestock Auction and over the years he worked for Oklahoma Livestock Commission, National Livestock Commission, Jessup & Cooper, and Sims and Custer Livestock. He worked his entire adult life at Oklahoma City National Stockyards or OKC West.

He was preceded in death by his parents; an infant son, Richmond George; a sister, Doris Azalia Robinson and her husband, Wilson; and brothers, Pat Telford and wife, Millie, and George Telford and wife, Sue.

He is survived by a daughter, Amy Cheryl Telford, of Elk City, Okla.; a brother, Bob Telford and wife Pam; and nephews and nieces, Darren Telford, Rhonda Telford Naidu, Trent Telford, Donald Robinson, Gary Robinson, James Pat Telford, Daina Huff, Janie Billingsly and Martha Sue Staggs; and wife-in-laws, Nancy Pinkston and Barbara Metheny Telford; and a stepson, Dee Metheny.

Memorial contributions can be made to Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund, Attention: Cindy, 101 Pro Rodeo Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80919; or to Angel Flight in the name of Billy Fields.

Anna Vaughan



Graveside services for Anna Vaughan were Dec. 29, 2009 at Highland Cemetery, Durant, Okla., with Pastor Dave Smith officiating.

Mrs. Vaughan died Dec. 27, 2009 at Durant, at the age of 96. She was born June 7, 1913 at Wapanucka, Okla., to James Boudinot and Matte (Taylor) Ream. "Muffet" as she was called by her family as the sixth and last child born to her parents.

She attended seventh and eighth grades at Oklahoma Presbyterian College, Durant, and graduated in 1931 from Wapanucka High School. She attended Oklahoma College for Women in Chickasha, Okla., her freshman year then finished at Southeastern State Teachers College, Durant.

Her first teaching experience was a one-teacher school composed of eight grades in Atoka County. She also taught in Durant's Junior High School for 22 years.

She married Howard Vaughan Feb. 21, 1937 at Ada, Okla. He preceded her in death.

She was an elder and deacon of the First Presbyterian Church of Durant and a member of the OHOYOHOMA Club.

She was preceded in death by her parents, James and Mattie Ream; her husband, Howard Vaughan; and five brothers and sisters.

She is survived by a nephew, Bobby Ream; nieces, Jerry Troutman and Judith Erdman; and a host of other nieces and friends.

Condolences may be sent to the family at dhfh@communi-comm.com

Clyde Voyles



Clyde Voyles, 81, died Nov. 27, 2009 at Kindred Hospital in Oklahoma City, following a major stroke. Funeral services were Dec. 1, 2009 at the United Methodist Church in Harrah, Okla., with Rev. Glenda L. Skinner-Noble officiating. Interment followed in Memorial Park Cemetery, Oklahoma City.

Mr. Voyles was born Jan. 17, 1928 to Clyde and Corley Friend Voyles at Chickasha, Okla.

He was a resident of Harrah.

His family moved to Oklahoma City when he was two years old. He attended Irving, Webster Jr. High and was a 1946 graduate of Central High School.

After graduation he joined the U.S. Navy and returning home was hired by the OKC Fire Department as an electrician installing and maintaining fire alarm boxes and installing traffic signals in Oklahoma City from 1948 to 1969. On his days off he was employed by Brinks and also worked for Red Ball Freight.

After retiring from the fire department he worked for the U.S. Postal Service before joining OG&E, Horseshoe Lake Station, Harrah. He retired in 1986.

He married Olivia McLaughlin at Tecumseh, Okla. Dec. 5, 2009 would have been their 50th wedding anniversary.

He was a member of the OKC Retired Firefighters Association, Central High School Alumni, American Legion Post 270 in Tecumseh, Pioneer Club of OG&E, member of Harrah United Methodist Church and Harrah Historical Society.

He was a proud descendant

of the Love family of the Chickasaw Nation.

He was preceded in death by parents; and a grandson, Adam Ashley.

He is survived by his wife, Olivia Voyles, of the home; sons and daughters-in-law, Mark and Tammy Voyles, of Oklahoma City, and Kevin and Claire Voyles, of Harrah; grandchildren, Asa and Andrew of Oklahoma City, and Amanda Ashley, of Harrah; and many relatives and friends.

Robert T. Waldon

Robert T. Waldon, 92, of Rogue River, Ore., died July 30, 2009. A family graveside Honor Guard service was conducted at Eagle Point National Cemetery.

Mr. Waldon was born Dec. 29, 1916 at Waldon Township, Grady County, Okla., to James "Jimmie" H. and Helen Tyree Waldon.

During World War II he served as a staff sergeant in the U.S. Army in the Asiatic Pacific Campaign and he received several medals including the Purple Heart.

He married Esther Ingles in November 1946. She died in 1988.

He was a baker all his adult life. He moved his family to Bishop, Calif., where he continued his profession. Later he and his wife owned and operated a bakery in Lone Pine, Calif. In April 1975 they moved to Rogue River. He worked for King of Hearts Bakery in Richards Market and for Albertsons bakery until retiring in May 1982.

He enjoyed traveling with his wife in their motor home. Due to his Chickasaw heritage he was called "Indian Bob" by his friends, many of whom he met on his annual winter trips to Niland, Calif. He enjoyed making beaded Indian belts, jewelry and dream catchers which he sold at craft fairs.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Shirley Weatherwax (1984); and a grandson, Larry Weatherwax (2008).

He is survived by a son, Robert T. Waldon, Jr., of Lehi, Utah; a daughter, Audrey Hayes, of Rogue River; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a great-great-granddaughter.

Homer "Dee" Wells



Homer Dee Wells, 78, died Dec. 23, 2009 at his home in Emporia, Kan., surrounded by family. He was cremated and a private family inurement will take place at a later date in Oklahoma.

Mr. Wells was born Aug. 30, 1931, at Durant, Okla. to Lena (Ward) and Norman Dee Wells who was an original Chickasaw enrollee allotted land in "Wells" Valley, Oklahoma.

He married Joan Bainer Sept. 6, 1953 at Fort Collins, Colo., and shared 56 faithful years together.

Mr. Wells served his country in the United States Air Force. In 1970, he moved to Kansas and spent the rest of his life as a construction contractor; owning Dee Wells Construction and Consulting, Inc.

In retirement, he enjoyed woodworking and researching his Chickasaw heritage while attending many of their annual meetings and events across the country.

He is survived by his wife, Joan; sons, Randy (Jan) Wells, Buffalo, Mo., Mark (Kathy) Wells, Brookfield, Wis., and Doug (LeeAnn) Wells, Eureka, Mo.; daughters, Sandy (Darl) Chapman, Fort Worth, Texas, and Kindra Wells, Emporia, Kan.; sisters, Anna Jo Wells and Linda McGuire, both of Durant; 11 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

"Unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed."

But if it dies, it produces many seeds."

With honor, the "Homer Dee Wells Memorial Scholarship" has been set up with the Chickasaw Foundation. This endowed scholarship will not only honor his life but will seed into lives for generations; providing for those who desire a higher education in the field of Construction Management and

Engineering.

His passions, wisdom and integrity toward business, learning, inventing and constructing mirrored his love for family and his service for others.

Memorial donations may be sent to the

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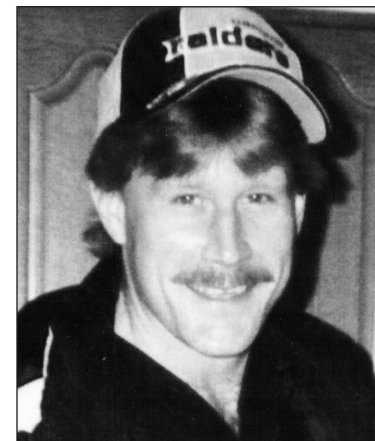
Zachary Shane Preston

Graveside services for Zachary Shane Preston, infant son of Chaz Preston and Sierra Sampson, were Jan. 11, 2010 at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery, Ardmore, Okla., with his great-grandfather, Rev. Jim Bruner officiating. Zachary was born and died Jan. 6, 2010 at Ardmore.

He is survived by his parents; paternal grandfather, Charles Preston and Shelley, of Dickson, Okla.; paternal grandmother, Shanna Preston, of Ardmore; maternal grandparents, Paula and Bobby Thomas, of Ardmore; maternal grandfather, Eddie Sampson, of Dickson; step-great-grandmother Jo Suggs; great-grandparents, Leroy Foster, and Lucille Wallace, both of Ardmore; aunts, Alexis Preston, Courtney Preston, both of Dickson, Sarah Sampson, of Ardmore and Raechell Meely, of Sulphur, Okla.; uncles, Jessie Sampson, Jordan Thomas, William Thomas and Jeremiah Thomas, all of Ardmore; cousins, Daylin Arneecher and Peyton Sampson, both of Ardmore; special friends of the family, Rachel Arneecher and Meggan Chatham.

Condolences may be left at www.Griffin-HillcrestFH.com

William Bryan Scott



William Bryan Scott, 41, of White Post, Va., died Dec. 4, 2009, at Clarke County, Va., in an automobile accident.

Mr. Scott was born Jan. 14, 1968, in Waynesboro, Va.

He was a self-employed electrician who owned and operated Arrowhead Telecommunications, Inc.

He was a proud member of the Chickasaw Indian Nation and Sons of the American Legion.

An avid sports fan, he enjoyed watching his beloved Dallas Cowboys, Oakland Raiders, NASCAR, and the NY Yankees in addition to hunting and fishing. Visiting his family and friends in Oklahoma was always a great enjoyment.

He is survived by his parents, Bill and Linda Scott, of Boyce, Va.; sister Carol Machovec and husband, Rick, of Stephens City, Va.; brother Brad Scott and wife, Mickey, of Chesapeake, Va.; two nieces, Cathi Ritter and Cyndi Jones; and four great-nephews, Myles, Aidan, Gavin, and Mason.

His paternal grandmother was Pearl Scott of Marlow, Okla., the famed Chickasaw Hall of Fame aviatrix and Oklahoma Aviation Hall of Fame member.

Mr. Scott has a cameo appearance in the movie "Pearl" and was looking forward to seeing the movie on the silver screen.

A celebration of Bryan's life was conducted at Enders and Shirley Funeral Homes in Berryville, Va.

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